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The Senate of Eötvös Loránd University (hereinafter: University) in accordance with

- Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education (hereinafter: Nftv.)
- Government Decree 387/2012 (XII.19.) on doctoral schools, doctoral procedure, and habilitation (hereinafter: R.)
- Act C of 2001 on the national recognition of foreign certificates and degrees (hereinafter: Etv.)
- Government Decree 423/2012 (XII.29) on higher education admission procedure (hereinafter: FelviR.)
- Government Decree 137/2008 (V. 16) on the certified examination of foreign language attainment and on the nostrification in the Republic of Hungary of language certificates of foreign language attainment issued abroad
- Government Decree 87/2015 (IV.9.) on the implementation of certain clauses of Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education (hereinafter: Nftv. vhr.)
- Government Decree 51/2007 (III.26) on grants and benefits as well as payable fees and contributions of students in higher education
- Government Decree 50/2008 (III. 14.) on the funding higher education institutions based on an education, science and maintainer-dependent formula (hereinafter: Finansz.r.)

- Government Decree 389/2016 (XII. 2) on financing the basic activities of higher-education institutions

and pursuant to the principles and rules pertaining to the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area, prescribes the rules and regulations on doctoral programmes and the obtainment of a doctoral degree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

[...]²
[...]³
[...]⁴

THE SCOPE OF THE UNIVERSITY DOCTORAL REGULATIONS

Section 1

- (1) The University Doctoral Regulations (hereinafter: Regulations) extend to
- a) doctoral programmes,
 - b) the doctoral procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree (PhD) (hereinafter: doctoral procedure) and the awarding of the doctoral degree (PhD),
 - c) students taking part in a doctoral programme,
 - d) lecturers and researchers contributing to a doctoral programme,
 - e) those assisting in a doctoral programme,
 - f) those assisting in a doctoral procedure
 - g) the national recognition of academic degrees obtained abroad,
 - h) conferment of the title of Doctor with Honours,
 - i) conferment of the title of ‘Honorary Doctor’,
 - j) conferment of the title of ‘Honorary Doctor and Professor’.

²Quotation from Nftv. Article 2 (3) omitted in this space – Translator’s Note.

³Quotation from Nftv. Article 3 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

⁴Quotation from Nftv. Article 12 (3) omitted in this space – TN.

- (2) In accordance with these Regulations, matters specified in the doctoral regulations pertaining to each faculty and the operational regulations of doctoral schools are laid out in those regulations contained in the Annexes of the present Regulations.

ORGANISATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AND THE OBTAINMENT OF A DOCTORAL DEGREE

[...]⁵

SCIENTIFIC BRANCHES AND ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Section 2

The enumeration of the doctoral programmes offered and doctoral degrees that can be obtained at the University is presented in Annex 1 of the present Regulations.

DOCTORAL COUNCILS

[...]⁶

[...]⁷

University Doctoral Council

Section 3

- (1) The members of the University Doctoral Council shall be:
- a) the Chair of the University Doctoral Council
 - b) ⁸ 1 person representing the doctoral schools of the Faculty of Law, 1 person representing the doctoral schools of the Faculty of Humanities, 1 person representing the doctoral school of the Faculty of Informatics, 1 person representing the doctoral schools of the Faculty of Education and Psychology, 1 person representing the doctoral school of the Faculty of Social Sciences, 1 person representing the doctoral schools of the Faculty of Science, 1 person representing the doctoral school of the Faculty of Economics.
 - c) ⁹ 3 persons who are not employed by the University recommended by the Rector representing the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and its institutions. Of the 3 persons, 1 shall represent the humanities, 1 shall represent the social sciences and 1 shall represent the sciences.
 - d) one member representing the Doctoral Students
 - e) the Deputy Rector in charge of academic affairs having right of consultation if such Deputy Rector is not the Chair or a member of the University Doctoral Council.
- (2) The Chair of the University Doctoral Council is selected by the Senate upon the recommendation of the Rector.
- (3) The members of the University Doctoral Council representing the doctoral schools are recommended by the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils upon the agreement of the relevant

⁵Quotation from Nftv. Article 16 (1)-(4) omitted in this space – TN.

⁶Quotation from Nftv. Article 16 (5) omitted in this space – TN.

⁷Quotation from R. Section 9 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

faculty councils. The right to delegate Doctoral Students from among those with a student status taking part in a doctoral programme is held by the University Doctoral Student Union (hereinafter: EDÖK). The members – with the exception of those representing Doctoral Students – are selected by the Senate. The letters of appointment of the members are issued by the Rector.

- (4) Upon the recommendation of doctoral school bodies eligible to nominate council members, the Senate shall select voting-eligible substitute members to fill in for those representing the doctoral schools if necessary.
- (5) Voting-eligible members or substitute members of the University Doctoral Council – excluding members representing Doctoral Students – can be full members, corresponding members or doctors of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences or university professors who meet the criteria pertaining to core members of doctoral schools.

Section 4

- (1) The mandate of the members of the University Doctoral Council – with the exception of those representing Doctoral Students – shall cease on 31 December subsequent to the expiry of the mandate of the Senate which elected them. The mandate of the members representing Doctoral Students shall last for the duration prescribed in the Bylaws of the EDÖK but for no more than three years.
- (2) The mandate of the members of the University Doctoral Council shall cease upon:
 - a) the expiry of the mandate of the University Doctoral Council
 - b) resignation
 - c) the recall of a member
 - d) the expiry of the student status in the case of a member representing Doctoral Students
 - e) death of the member
- (3) In the event of the cases specified in points b)-c) and e) of paragraph (2), the Senate shall select a new member upon recommendation of the body/person entitled to nominate members within 60 days. If the Senate does not hold a meeting within the specified time period, a new member shall be selected at the nearest possible meeting.
- (4) Members of the University Doctoral Council entitled to nominate or delegate members shall nominate new members for the Council within 60 days prior to the expiry of the mandate of the University Doctoral Council.

Section 5

- (1) The recall of members of the University Doctoral Council may be initiated by the University Doctoral Council or the body/person entitled to nominate members.
- (2) The recall of a member of the University Doctoral Council may be initiated in the event that
 - a) the member is permanently unavailable;
 - b) the member regularly fails to attend sessions of the University Doctoral Council;
 - c) a binding criminal sentence or disciplinary decision is brought against the member;
 - d) the member becomes unworthy of membership for any reason whatsoever.
- (3) It shall qualify as permanent unavailability if it can be expected that the member is unable to fulfil his/her duties in the University Doctoral Council for at least one academic year and is unable to attend sessions of the University Doctoral Council.
- (4) A recall of a member over regular failure to attend sessions of the University Doctoral Council may be initiated if the member does not attend at least one session of the Council in one academic year.
- (5) Decisions on recalls are to be made by the Senate or the EDÖK at the session following the initiation of the recall.

[...] ¹⁰

Section 6

The University Doctoral Council shall

- a) decide on the conferment, qualification and revocation of the doctoral degree based on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils,
- b) give an opinion on the recommendations for the awarding of the title of Doctor with Honours and refer them to the Rector,
- c) decide on the national recognition of academic degrees obtained abroad based on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils,
- d) safeguard the preservation of the uniform and high academic and professional standards certified by the doctoral degree,
- e) preside over the lawful functioning of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils,
- f) hold preliminary consultations on the establishment of doctoral schools with core members and Disciplinary Doctoral Councils planning to establish them,
- g) give an opinion on requests submitted by Disciplinary Doctoral Councils on the establishment of doctoral schools,
- h) submit the training plan of the doctoral programme to the Senate for approval,
- i) approve the operational regulations of doctoral schools,
- j) approve the heads of doctoral schools from among the core university professors of the schools – based on the recommendation of the majority of core members and the opinions of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils – and recommend the appointment of the Head of the school to the Rector indicating the term of office,
- k) approve the members of the councils of the doctoral schools,
- l) give an opinion on the faculty doctoral regulations,
- m) decide on the allocation of the University's state-funded places among academic disciplines along the pre-approved principles,
- n) recommend to the Rector the signing of agreements pertaining to joint doctoral programmes with foreign universities,
- o) discuss the reports of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils,
- p) submit proposals to the Senate on the guarantee of funds for the operational costs of the doctoral programmes,
- q) submit a report to the Senate on the use of funds for the operation of the doctoral programmes as part of the University report,
- r) establish the principles and methods of the quality assurance of the doctoral programmes and the obtainment of a doctoral degree taking into account the opinions of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils,
- s) compile annual reports, pursuant to Section 22, on the quality of the operation of the doctoral schools,
- t) recommend the suspension or dissolution of the doctoral programme or dissolution of the doctoral school if necessary,
- u) give an opinion to the Senate on the Rector's recommendations for recipients of the titles of Honorary Doctor and Honorary Doctor and Professor.

Section 7

- (1) The University Doctoral Council shall select a Deputy Chair from among its members employed by the University at its first meeting of every academic year. The Deputy Chair shall carry out the duties of the Chair in the case of the latter's unavailability.

¹⁰Quotation from R. Section 9 (2) omitted in this space – TN.

- (2) The University Doctoral Council shall meet at least four times in an academic year or as necessary.
- (3) Meetings of the University Doctoral Council are convened by its Chair. Meetings are to be called at least 8 days in advance and the agenda of the meeting shall be sent to the Council's members.
- (4) The members of the University Doctoral Council shall attend the meetings of the Council having voting rights.
- (5) Consultation rights in the meetings of the University Doctoral Council are held by
 - a) the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council (if he/she is not a member of the body)
 - b) anybody invited to the meeting of the University Doctoral Council by its Chair.
- (6) Quorum in the University Doctoral Council meeting requires the attendance of more than half of the Council's voting-eligible members, the Chair and the Deputy Chair.
- (7) The University Doctoral Council shall adopt resolutions by majority vote. Personnel issues shall be decided by secret ballot.
- (8) Meetings of the University Doctoral Council are not open to the public. The Council shall compile memoranda of each of its meetings containing the resolutions passed at the meeting and a general summary of the session. The memoranda shall be published on the University's website.
- (9) The resolutions of the University Doctoral Council shall be recorded in writing and forwarded to those concerned.
- (10) The secretarial tasks of the University Doctoral Council shall be carried out by the University's Directorate For Education Affairs¹¹.

Section 8

- (1) The University Doctoral Council may delegate its tasks and authorities laid out in points e)-f) of Section 6 and its authority to redistribute unfilled state-funded places following the completion of the admissions procedure outlined in point m) to the Chair of the University Doctoral Council.
- (2) Under the delegated authority, the Chair of the University Doctoral Council shall hear the representatives of the Council's Disciplinary Doctoral Councils concerned.

Disciplinary Doctoral Councils

[...]¹²

Section 9

- (1) The University Doctoral Council for the purpose of exercising its authorities shall establish the following Disciplinary Doctoral Councils and consolidated Disciplinary Doctoral Councils (hereinafter: Disciplinary Doctoral Council) for each branch of science:
 - a) the Doctoral Council of Law and the Doctoral Council of Political Science for the handling of matters of the doctoral schools of law and political science,
 - b) the Doctoral Council of Humanities for the handling of matters of the doctoral schools of literature and culture studies, language studies and philosophy,
 - c) the Doctoral Council of Informatics for the handling of matters of the doctoral school of informatics,
 - d) the Doctoral Council of Education and Psychology for the handling of matters of the doctoral schools of education and psychology,

¹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

¹² Quotation from Nftv. Article 108 point 46 omitted in this space – TN.

- e) the Doctoral Council of Social Sciences for the handling of matters of the doctoral schools of social studies and other fields of social sciences taught at the University's Faculty of Social Sciences,
 - f) the Doctoral Council of Science for the handling of matters of the doctoral schools of mathematics, physics, chemistry, earth sciences, biology and environmental sciences.
 - g) ¹³the Doctoral Council of Business Economics for handling the matters of the doctoral school of business and management.
- (2) The Disciplinary Doctoral Councils operate according to the faculty doctoral regulations contained in the Annex of the present Regulations designed to take into account the unique characteristics of each doctoral school.

Section 10

(1) The number of the members of the disciplinary doctoral councils and the rules for nomination shall be determined by the faculty doctoral regulations taking into account the following:

- a) the attendance of the representatives of the doctoral schools and scientific branches falling under the authority and competence of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council,
- b) the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall have at least two external members,
- c) Doctoral Students shall be represented by a Doctoral Student who has a student status with one of the faculty's accredited doctoral schools and shall be delegated in accordance with the Bylaws of the EDÖK,
- d) members of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils who are not Doctoral Students shall meet the requirements pertaining to core membership of the doctoral schools.

(2) Members of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council – with the exception of Doctoral Students – are selected by the Faculty Council by secret ballot based on the recommendation of the doctoral schools. The representative of the Doctoral Students is delegated by the EDÖK in accordance with the Bylaws of the EDÖK. The letters of appointment of the members are issued by the Dean.

Section 11

(1) The authority and functions of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall include in particular:

- a) making recommendations to the University Doctoral Council on
 - aa) the conferment, qualification and revocation of the doctoral degree,
 - ab) the national recognition of academic degrees obtained abroad,
 - ac) the establishment of a doctoral school,
 - ad) the identity of the head of the doctoral school,
 - ae) the signing of agreements pertaining to doctoral programmes with foreign universities,
 - af) the approval and modification of the training plan of the doctoral programme,
 - ag) ¹⁴the core members of the doctoral school as well as the granting of the title of "Emeritus core member",
- b) making a decision based on the recommendation of the relevant doctoral school on
 - ba) granting students permission to take the comprehensive examination, the subjects of the comprehensive examination based on the contents of the training plan and the makeup of the exam committee,
 - aa) granting students permission to receive the critique of their dissertation following the submission of the dissertation,

¹³Enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day the Educational Authority's resolution registering the doctoral programme of the Institute of Business Economics enters into force.

¹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

- bc) the official opponents of the doctoral dissertation and the makeup of the Assessment Committee,
- ¹⁵bd) holding a public disputation with the use of an electronic device providing simultaneous transmission of audio and video in part (hybrid public disputation) or in whole (online public disputation). This authority may be delegated to the Chair by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council,
- c) making a recommendation on the text of the faculty doctoral regulations and its modification
- d) approving the identities of the lecturers, topic announcers and supervisors of the doctoral school based on the recommendation of the council of the doctoral school,
- e) making a recommendation to the University Doctoral Council on the training plan of the doctoral programme on the initiative of the doctoral school concerned,
- f) making a recommendation to the University Doctoral Council on the suspension or dissolution of the doctoral programme. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall seek the opinion of the doctoral school on the suspension or termination of the doctoral programme, provided that the suspension or dissolution of the programme has not been initiated by the doctoral school,
- g) deciding on the identity of the head of the doctoral programme based on the recommendation of the council of the doctoral school,
- h) determining the number of students who can be admitted to the doctoral school(s) each academic year,
- i) setting the criteria for taking part in the doctoral programme,
- j) appointing the members of the admission committee(s),
- k) deciding on the admissions to the doctoral programme,
- l) reviewing the operations of the doctoral programme
- m) upon individual request,
- ma) making a recommendation to the Rector on the signing of a co-tutelle agreement with a foreign university in the case of a given student,
- mb) deciding on the approval of the work programme of foreign part-time courses and the recognition of students' results obtained in part-time courses abroad,
- mc) ¹⁶deciding on the recognition of studies pursued at another Hungarian higher education institution,
based on the recommendation of the doctoral school concerned
- n) giving an opinion on the operational regulations of the doctoral schools,
- o) giving an opinion on the use of the appropriation of the doctoral programme,
- p) selecting the members of the councils of the doctoral schools based on the recommendation of the core members of the doctoral schools and submitting the selections to the University Doctoral Council for approval,
- q) giving an opinion on the identity of the head of the doctoral school,
- r) giving an opinion on the principles and methods of the quality assurance of the doctoral programmes and the obtainment of a doctoral degree,
- s) deciding on transferring students between state-funded and self-funded programmes based on the stipulations laid out in faculty doctoral regulations.
- (2) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall also make decisions in matters falling under its authority in accordance with the faculty doctoral regulations.

THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

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¹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

¹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

¹⁷ Quotation from Nftv. Article 12 (3) omitted in this space – TN.

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Section 12

- (1) The request to set up a new doctoral school submitted by the core members shall be reviewed by the Chair of the University Doctoral Council with a view to determining whether the request is in line with the stipulations laid out in R. and the evaluation criteria of the Hungarian Accreditation Committee.
- (2) The request to set up a new doctoral school shall be submitted to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council by the core member designated to head the doctoral school. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall invite the Dean of the Faculty to its session where the establishment of a new doctoral school is to be discussed.
- (3) The request to set up a new doctoral school shall be reviewed by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The council shall decide on the request in a resolution complete with a justification of the decision. The request can be submitted to the University Doctoral Council even if it is rejected by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (4) The request to set up a new doctoral school can only be submitted to the Rector proposing that the Rector should recommend to the Senate the establishment of a new doctoral school with the support of the University Doctoral Council. If the University Doctoral Council does not support the proposal to establish a new doctoral school it must provide a detailed justification of its opinion in its resolution. If the University Doctoral Council rejects the request, the decision of whether the request should be submitted to Senate shall lie with the Rector.
- (5) ¹⁹The procedure laid out in paragraphs (1)-(4) shall also be followed if the head of the doctoral school initiates the amendment of the document referred to in points a) and d) of paragraph (1) of Section 5 and paragraph (4) of Section 6 of R. from among the documents concerning the establishment of doctoral schools.

Section 13

- (1) The University Doctoral Council or the Rector may recommend the termination of the operations of the doctoral school if the personnel or material conditions of the doctoral school no longer meet the requirements prescribed by legislation governing the operation of doctoral schools.
- (2) The opinion of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall be sought out in connection with the recommendation referred to in paragraph (1). The opinion of the University Doctoral Council shall be sought out if the termination of the operations of the doctoral school is initiated by the Rector.
- (3) The decision on the dissolution of the doctoral school shall be made by the Senate.
- (4) In the event of the dissolution of the doctoral school, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall make sure that the students of the dissolved doctoral school can continue their doctoral studies.

R. Section 13 (2)... The rules of procedure of the doctoral school regulate the types of documentation the author of the doctoral dissertation must possess concerning their academic or creative works that have been published or approved for publication.

(3) The operational regulations of the doctoral school may include, taking into account the doctoral regulations, the language requirements for obtaining a doctoral degree and the method of certifying language proficiency. The rules of procedure of the doctoral school define a list of all foreign languages accepted for the fulfilment of the relevant language requirements, and from this list the rules may designate a foreign language

18 Quotation from R. Sections 1-8 omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁹Amended by Senate Rule CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective: 26 September 2016.

that is essential for the practice of the given academic field and whose knowledge is necessary for obtaining a degree.

Section 14

- (1) The doctoral schools shall compile operational regulations taking into account the regulations laid out in the University Doctoral Regulations and the faculty doctoral regulations contained in the Annex of the Regulations along with Academic Regulations for Students (hereinafter: HKR) contained in Volume 2 of the Organisational and Operational Regulations of Eötvös Loránd University. The organisational regulations of the doctoral schools shall be approved by the University Doctoral Council based on the opinions of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils.
- (2) If not covered by the faculty doctoral regulations, the operational regulations of the doctoral schools shall specifically rule on the following:
 - a) the name and headquarters of the doctoral school,
 - b) the administration of the doctoral school,
 - c) matters falling under the authority of the council of the doctoral school,
 - d) matters falling under the authority of the head of the doctoral school,
 - e) ²⁰rules pertaining to the conditions of application and admission to the doctoral school, foreign language proficiency requirements for admission to the doctoral programme and the method of their verification,
 - f) rules pertaining to the admissions procedure of the doctoral school,
 - g) rules pertaining to the change of research topics and topic supervisors within the doctoral school,
 - h) the method and scheduling of registration for subjects,
 - i) rules pertaining to attendance, the practice and recognition of research (practical) activities amounting to lessons,
 - j) methods of fulfilling the requirements of the doctoral programme and their registration in the Electronic Registration System,
 - k) other student administrative requirements pertaining to the doctoral programme,
 - l) rules pertaining to the recognition of the completion of subjects in other higher education institutions,
 - m) conditions for recognising subjects completed already by students who are re-admitted to the University in a new admissions process following the termination of their student status,
 - n) the maximum proportion of the credit value of subjects completed in other higher education institutions and recognised under the credit transfer process necessary for the obtainment of the pre-degree certificate (absolutorium),
 - o) the maximum credit value and rules on the recognition of academic and teaching activities performed prior to the commencement of the doctoral studies,
 - p) methods for registering for exams and withdrawing the registrations,
 - q) the number of times unsuccessful exams may be retaken within a given examination period, the number of times a student may register for a given subject over the course of the programme and the number of times an exam may be taken for a given subject taking into account the number of times the student registers for said subject,
 - r) the method and deadline for registering for the comprehensive examination as well as the method of and conditions for repeating the theoretical part of an unsuccessful comprehensive examination and the rules for setting the date of the retake exam,
 - s) the conditions and required contents of the contract to be signed with the student outlined in Section 40 of the present Regulations and Section 11 (1) of R.,
 - t) rules pertaining to the submission and assessment of formal student requests.

²⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective date: 27 June 2023.

- u) ²¹the language proficiency requirements for the obtainment of the doctoral degree as well as the method of verifying language proficiency.

The Head of the Doctoral School

Section 15

- (1) ²²The Head of the Doctoral School may be a core member of the Doctoral School who is a professor employed by the University in possession of a doctoral degree of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In special cases, and exclusively in the interest of ensuring the functionality of the doctoral school, the head of the doctoral school may be a core member university professor employed full time by the University who is renowned by the international and domestic academic community.
- (2) The Head of the Doctoral School is elected by the University Doctoral Council based on the recommendation of the core members after seeking out the opinion of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The letter of appointment of the Head of the Doctoral School is issued by the Rector for a term no longer than 5 years as per the recommendation of the University Doctoral Council. The Head of the Doctoral School is relieved by the Rector. The Head of the Doctoral School may be re-elected multiple times in accordance with the procedure described above.
- (3) The Head of the Doctoral School is responsible for the academic quality and educational work of the Doctoral School.
- (4) The duties and authorities of the Head of the Doctoral School shall include in particular:
 - a) giving an opinion on the student requests whose handling falls under the authority of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council,
 - b) approving the academic and research plans of Doctoral Students,
 - c) making a recommendation to the Dean on the issuance of the pre-degree certificate (absolutorium) in line with the procedure laid out in the faculty doctoral regulations if the student has fulfilled the academic and research requirements set out in the training plan of the doctoral programme,
 - d) making a recommendation on granting the student permission to take the comprehensive examination as well as on the subjects of the exam and the makeup of the examination board,
 - e) making a recommendation on granting the student permission to receive the critique of his/her doctoral dissertation following the submission of the dissertation as well as on the makeup of the Assessment Committee and the identities of the official opponents,
 - f) carrying out all tasks prescribed for him/her in the relevant regulations.

Council of the Doctoral School

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Section 16

- (1) The makeup of the council of the doctoral school shall be determined by the faculty regulations.
- (2) The members of the council of the doctoral school shall be appointed and relieved by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council with the approval of the University Doctoral Council. The letters of appointment of the members are issued by the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (3) The Chair of the council of the doctoral school shall be the head of the doctoral school.

²¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

²²Second sentence enacted by Senate Resolution XLVIII/2022. (IV. 27.). Effective: 26 April 2022.

²³Quotation from R. Section 10 (1)-(2) omitted in this space – TN.

- (4) Beyond the authorities laid out in R., the duties and authorities of the council of the doctoral school shall include in particular:
 - a) preparing the training plans of the doctoral programme(s) and submitting them to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council,
 - b) deciding on the publication of the approved educational programmes,
 - c) making a recommendation on the identity of the head of the doctoral programme(s) and the term of his/her mandate,
 - d) deciding on the changing of the research topic and/or the topic supervisor.

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The Lecturers of the Doctoral School

Section 17

- (1) The council of the doctoral school shall approve the publications of the research topics in line with the conditions and method prescribed in the faculty doctoral regulations and shall submit to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council for approval the identities of the topic announcers, supervisors and lecturers.
- (2) Staff members and topic supervisors of other universities, research institutions and professionals in possession of academic degrees who meet the educational criteria of the University may also serve as topic announcers, supervisors or lecturers in the doctoral school.
- (3) The head of the doctoral school may propose to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council the suspension of the topic announcer or supervisor status of a lecturer or researcher employed by the University – or the revocation of the external supervisor status described in paragraph (2) of an external professional – who fails to fulfil his/her duties as supervisor, thus hindering the Doctoral Student in the completion of his/her academic and research plan, and thereby his/her preparation for the comprehensive examination, the successful completion of the exam and his/her completion of the doctoral dissertation for the deadline stipulated by legislation. In the event of a suspension or revocation of a topic announcer status, the council of the doctoral school shall assign (a) new topic announcer(s) to the students, as prescribed in Section 43 (4) of the present Regulations.
- (4) ²⁵A professor emeritus recognised as a core member of the doctoral school under Section 2 (4) of R. shall contribute to the work of the doctoral school as a topic announcer, supervisor and lecturer pursuant to the rules pertaining to core members. The rights and obligations of a professor emeritus shall be the same as those of the other core members and they must be in line with the requirements laid out in points a)-d) of paragraph (3) of Section 2 of R. From the point of view of the foundational and operational conditions of the doctoral school, this topic announcer, or supervisor may be included among staff numbers prescribed in Section (1)-(2) of R. as a professor emeritus recognised as a core member.
- (5) ²⁶At the recommendation of the council of the doctoral school and after seeking out the opinion of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, the University Doctoral Council may grant the title of “emeritus core member” to a retired core member who was a founding member of the doctoral school or served as a core member for at least 5 years and whose academic works and tenure at the doctoral school make him/her worthy of the title.
- (6) ²⁷An emeritus core member shall not be expected to take part in the doctoral programme as a topic announcer or supervisor and is not subject to the requirements pertaining to

²⁴ Quotation from R. Section 13 (4)-(5) omitted in this space – TN. Provision enacted in Regulations by Senate Resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.).

²⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

²⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

²⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

doctoral school core members prescribed in points a)-d) of paragraph (3) of Section 2 of R. The emeritus core member shall not be granted the authorities of core members in connection with the heading or organisation of the doctoral school. The emeritus core member may be asked to give lectures at the doctoral school, serve as a member of the examination board in the comprehensive examination or to carry out the tasks of a member of the Assessment Committee in the doctoral procedure.

- (7) ²⁸The University Doctoral Council may withdraw the core membership of the emeritus core member at the core member's request submitted to the head of the doctoral school and at the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school.
- (8) ²⁹The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall keep a record of the names of the core members, topic announcers, topic supervisors, lecturers and emeritus core members of each doctoral school.

The Doctoral Programme

Section 18

- (1) Training at the doctoral school is conducted on the basis of a training plan. Doctoral programmes – each with their own training plans – may be established in accordance with the various academic disciplines within the framework of the various doctoral schools accredited according to scientific branches.
- (2) The council of the doctoral school shall submit to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council its proposals on the establishment of new doctoral programmes no later than 30 April of the relevant academic year. The doctoral programmes proposed in this manner may be advertised at the earliest in the Guide for Admission to Higher Education to be published in the ensuing academic year, if the new doctoral programme is approved by the Senate.
- (3) The training plan of the doctoral school and the doctoral programme shall include
 - a) indication of the Masters' degrees or other university degrees that are prerequisites for admission to the doctoral programme as well as other special criteria for admission,
 - b) compulsory courses,
 - c) courses that may be selected by the topic supervisors,
 - d) compulsory elective courses,
 - e) the full range of elective courses,
 - f) requirements of the research programme
 - g) indication of the name of academic discipline as will be indicated in the doctoral certificate in Hungarian, English and Latin, or in the case of programmes taught in a language other than English, in the language of instruction.
- (4) The curriculum of the doctoral school as well as the establishment and curriculum of the doctoral programme shall be determined by the Senate based on the recommendation of the University Doctoral Council. The head of the doctoral programme is appointed and relieved by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the recommendation of the council of the doctoral school.
- (5) The amendment proposals to the doctoral school and the curriculum of the doctoral programme shall be submitted to the University Doctoral Council no later than 30 April of the given academic year. The amended training plan may be implemented in the ensuing academic year at the earliest and shall be introduced in a phasing-out system.

Section 19

²⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

²⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

- (1) ³⁰The University Doctoral Council may recommend the suspension of the operations of the doctoral programme for no more than a period of one academic year if the personnel or material conditions of education change substantially and lead to a deterioration in the quality of the programme but the conditions can still be fulfilled during the suspension of the programme.
- (2) New students may not be admitted to the doctoral programme during its suspension and doctoral procedures shall not be initiated at the programme.
- (3) The University Doctoral Council may recommend the dissolution of the doctoral programme if the personnel or material conditions of the doctoral programme can no longer be sustained or if the dissolution of the programme is initiated by the doctoral school.
- (4) The decision on the suspension or dissolution of the doctoral programme shall be made by the Senate based on the recommendation of the University Doctoral Council.
- (5) In the event of the suspension or dissolution of the doctoral programme, students may continue to pursue their doctoral degrees in another doctoral programme of the doctoral school.

DOCTORAL STUDENT UNION

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Section 20

The University Doctoral Student Union and the faculty student unions shall exercise their authorities pertaining to the doctoral programme in accordance with the relevant legislation and the Bylaws of the University Doctoral Student Union.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

R. Section 5 (1) The core members prepare the documents for the establishment of the doctoral school, which contain:

(h) the quality assurance plan of the doctoral school...

Section 21³³

- (1) The doctoral schools shall devise a quality assurance plan for the doctoral programmes and doctoral procedures within the framework of the University's quality assurance regulations, based on legislation and the guidelines of the doctoral councils.
- (2) The University Doctoral Council – with the assistance of the discipline doctoral schools – shall continuously monitor the functioning of the doctoral schools and doctoral programmes.

Section 22³⁴

Based on the quality assurance regulations, the University Doctoral Council shall prepare an evaluation of the quality of the functioning of the doctoral schools as part of its annual report.

³⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

³¹ Quotation from Nftv. Article 63 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

³² Quotation from Nftv. Article 61 (1)-(5) omitted in this space – TN.

³³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

³⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

THE GOAL AND REGULATION OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

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Section 23

- (1) The goal of the doctoral programme is to prepare Doctoral Students for the obtainment of a doctoral degree. The doctoral programme consists of the training and research and the research and dissertation phases.
- (2) The legal status, rights and obligations of Doctoral Students taking part in the doctoral programme shall be regulated by the provisions of the HKR, taking into account the divergences in regulations laid out in legislation, the present Regulations, the faculty doctoral regulations and the operational regulations of the doctoral schools.

FORMS OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

Nftv. Article 17³⁷ (1) In accordance with the programme and outcome requirements, tertiary programmes may be offered as full-time, part-time or distance education programmes. Full-time programmes shall comprise at least two hundred contact hours per semester and, in the case of doctoral programmes, at least forty hours or equivalent closed-circuit electronic absentee education. (2) Full-time programmes shall be delivered through full-time daytime delivery, based on a five-day working week, on working days. Derogation from this provision is possible with the consent of the students' union of the higher education institution. Full-time programmes may also be organised as dual study programmes. (3) Part-time programmes may use the evening or correspondence delivery mode. With the exception of postgraduate specialisation programmes, the number of contact hours comprised by part-time programmes shall be not less than thirty percent and not more than fifty percent of that of full-time programmes. The number of contact hours comprised by postgraduate specialisation programmes shall be not less than twenty percent and not more than fifty percent of that of fulltime programmes.

Nftv. Article 108 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions apply:

5. Semester: a period comprising five months, defined for the purposes of organising education;

40. Academic year: a period comprising ten months, defined for the purposes of organising education;

Section 24

- (1) Doctoral programmes at Eötvös Loránd University may be
 - a) full-time organised programmes
 - b) part-time correspondence-based organised programmes
 - c) part-time correspondence-based individual programmes
- (2) The duration of organised programmes is 8 semesters.
- (3) The duration of individual programmes is determined on the basis of the student's completion of the training, research and reporting requirements laid out in the training plan of the relevant doctoral school.
- (4) Doctoral programmes may not be organised exclusively in the form of distance education.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

³⁵ Quotation from Nftv. Article 16 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

³⁶ Quotation from Nftv. Article 53 (1)-(2) omitted in this space – TN.

³⁷ Amended by Act LIII of 2021 Article 40 point 4. Effective 28 May 2021.

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Nftv. Article 40 (6) Applicants admitted to a doctoral programme must have a Master's degree and qualifications as well as foreign language proficiency required for the field of study, as specified in the regulations of the doctoral school.

(7) Further admission requirements for a Master's programme, specialised further training and doctoral studies may be determined by the higher education institution, subject to the condition that the same admission requirements shall apply irrespective of the higher education institution at which the applicant obtained their degree.

Govt Decree 33/2008. (II. 21.) Article 5/C (1) The procedure for initiating the national recognition procedure shall be the following:

The applicant must attach to the application to be submitted to the competent authority

a) a certified copy of the original degree certificate or diploma or a document identical to the original diploma (duplicate)

b) With the exception of procedures regulated by Etv. IX. a certified copy of a document issued by a foreign educational institution (transcripts), which certifies the duration of the studies and the study requirements for obtaining a degree certificate or diploma (subjects studied, examinations, dissertations, final examinations),

c) a certified Hungarian translation of the documents referred to in points a) and b), and

d) where a fee is payable for the proceedings, proof that the fee has been paid by the applicant.

(2) If the documents attached to the application do not provide sufficient information for their assessment, the competent authority shall call on the applicant during the national recognition procedure to:

a) present a copy of his degree certificates and diplomas certifying completion of his studies required to obtain a certificate or diploma, or

b) submit a copy of a document issued by a foreign higher educational institution detailing the institution, the curriculum and the programme.

(3) Where the legal validity or authenticity of a diploma or degree certificate is in doubt, the competent authority shall require the applicant to present the original copy of the documents specified in paragraph (1) a) and b). If the accuracy of the translation of the documents referred to in points a) and b) of paragraph (2) is questionable, the competent authority shall require that

the applicant also provide a certified translation of the documents specified in points a) and b) of paragraph (2).

(4) The competent authority may, on exceptional grounds, exempt the client from the obligation to submit their documents as stipulated in paragraph (1) if the applicant is a refugee, is protected, sheltered or admitted and proves or makes it probable that their documents are not available for reasons out of their control.

(4a) By way of derogation from paragraph (1), the competent authority shall take a decision on an application for recognition for further studies on the basis of a certified translation of a certificate issued by the ministry in charge of education in the applicant's country of origin if the applicant:

a) arrived in Hungary under an intergovernmental or public scholarship scheme, and

b) certifies that the degree certificate or diploma for which recognition is sought is not yet available.

(4b) In the case referred to in paragraph (4a), the applicant shall submit the documents referred to in points a)-c) of paragraph (1) to the competent authority within six months of registration.

(4c) A student whose application has been decided on in accordance with paragraph (4a) may be awarded a degree if they have fulfilled their obligation under paragraph (4b).

Govt Decree 33/2008. (II. 21.) Article 5/G (1) In the national recognition and nostrification procedure, a certificate or diploma issued abroad shall have probative value even without the need for it to be certified by a Hungarian diplomatic mission abroad. If the authenticity or legal validity of the foreign certificate or diploma cannot be established, the competent authority shall prescribe that the certificate or diploma be

³⁸ Quotation from Nftv. Article 39 (1)-(2), Section 6, Section 40 (6)-(7) omitted in this space – TN.

³⁹ Quotation from FelviR. Section 38-40, Section 42 (5) omitted in this space – TN.

⁴⁰ Quotation from Etv. Section 4 (2), Section 5 (2) omitted in this space – TN.

⁴¹ Quotation from FelviR. Section 7/C (1)-(2) omitted in this space – TN.

verified by a competent foreign authority or that the client submit a document issued by a foreign competent authority attesting that the certificate or diploma entitles the holder to pursue a regulated profession abroad.

Nftv. vhr. Section 63⁴² (1) The type of disability of a student (candidate) shall be certified by an expert opinion issued by the body specified in paragraphs (2)-(5).

(2) If the student's (candidate's) disability or special educational need already existed during their time in secondary education, the disability or special educational need can be verified by an expert opinion issued by the county (metropolitan) pedagogical professional service institutions and their member institutions acting as county expert committees.

(3) If the student's (candidate's) disability or special educational needs did not exist during their time in secondary education, the disability can be verified by an expert opinion issued by the Eötvös Loránd University National Pedagogical Assistance Service.

Section 25⁴³

The contents of the doctoral programme admissions guide are prepared by the heads of the discipline doctoral schools and the offices handling the educational affairs of the various faculties (hereinafter: faculty offices) with the coordination of the Directorate for Educational Affairs.

Section 26

(1) ⁴⁴Prospective students may apply to a doctoral programme electronically via the electronic doctoral admission system on the University's website (www.elte.hu). Applicants are to provide the following information:

a) personal details: name, birth name, gender, mother's maiden name, place and date of birth, nationality(ies), address, mailing address if it is different from address, telephone number;

b) the registration number of the degree certificate attesting to the Master's degree in the higher education institution; in the case of an ongoing Master's programme, the details pertaining to the programme;

c) the registration numbers or other identifying information of documents providing proof of foreign language proficiency;

d) details pertaining to the doctoral training: the doctoral school and, if there is one, the doctoral programme the prospective student is applying to; the language, work schedule and form of financing of the training;

e) the title of the research topic to be carried out over the course of the programme, the name and workplace of the topic supervisor;

f) information on whether the prospective student has applied to another doctoral programme or if they are taking part in one at another doctoral school;

g) a statement of consent to process the applicant's data.

(1a) ⁴⁵Applicants are to upload the following documents to the electronic system:

a) a copy of the university degree certificate (MA, MSc). If the degree certificate does not contain a qualification, its supplement should also be uploaded. In the case of a degree obtained abroad, a copy of the certified translation of the degree, except for certificates issued in English, German and French;

b) copies of documents proving proof of foreign language proficiency;

c) a copy of the document certifying payment of the application fee.

⁴² Section 63 (2)-(3) of Nftv. vhr. amended by Government Decree 191/2019. (VII.30.). Effective date: 1 September 2020.

⁴³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁴⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020. To be applied in the admission procedure for the 2020/2021 academic year.

⁴⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020. To be applied in the admission procedure for the 2020/2021 academic year.

(2) ⁴⁶ Any additional specialisation-related conditions, the application and admission procedures are determined by the doctoral regulations of the faculty and the operating regulations of the doctoral schools.

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(3) In the cases of students who pursued studies at foreign universities, proof of completion of academic prerequisites prescribed in Section 40 (6) of Nftv. shall be supplied by presenting

the original copy and – unless the conditions referred to in Section 7/C (1) of FelviR. apply – an official translation of the degree certificate
an official copy of a document issued by the foreign higher education institution (e.g. transcript, gradebook) and its official Hungarian translation pursuant to point a) which shall provide authentic verification of the duration of the studies and the successful completion of the academic requirements (courses, exams, theses, final exams) necessary for the obtainment of the absolutorium or the degree certificate.

(4) The highest sum listed under administrative fees in FelviR. shall be payable for the admission procedure.

Section 27

- (1) The admission procedure shall be handled by the admission committee appointed by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. In the event of a large number of applicants, multiple admission committees may be set up. Doctoral Student representatives of the admission committee(s) shall be delegated by the representation of the EDÖK at the relevant faculty.
- (2) Entrance exams shall be scheduled by the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils in a way that ensures that applicants taking their final exams in the Master's programmes are also able to take the entrance exams for the doctoral programmes.
- (3) Applicants shall be notified of the date of the entrance exam in writing by the faculty office.
- (4) Admission criteria shall be defined by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. Criteria for the ranking protocol in the admissions procedure shall be determined, in particular, by
 - a) previous university achievements (e.g. exams, comprehensive exams, qualification of the diploma certificate, receipt of the scholarship of the Republic of Hungary, Erasmus scholarship),
 - b) previous research achievements (e.g. participation, award in a Conference of Scientific Students' Associations, awards in the National Conference of Scientific Students' Associations, tutoring, receipt of honorator status, participation in a college for advanced studies, academic publications),
 - c) feasibility, professional quality of the applicant's research plan.
- (5) The criteria defined in paragraph (4) shall be published on the website of the doctoral school simultaneously to the start of the application process if it is not contained in the faculty doctoral regulations or the operation regulations of the doctoral school.

[...] ⁴⁸

Section 28

- (1) The admission decision shall be made by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The resolution on the admission decision shall be issued by the Dean of the faculty. The admission decision shall be scheduled in a way that allows the Disciplinary Doctoral Council to take into account the final exam results of applicants who take their final exams in the

⁴⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020. To be applied in the admission procedure for the 2020/2021 academic year.

⁴⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed 27 June 2023.

⁴⁸ Quotation from Nftv. Article 48 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

- Master's programme in same examination period.
- (2) Admissions to the doctoral school – and if applicable – the doctoral programme shall apply to programmes taught in Hungarian or a foreign language in accordance with the training plan. The admission decision may apply to
 - a) admission to a state-funded full-time doctoral programme
 - b) admission to a self-financed full-time doctoral programme
 - c) admission to a self-financed part-time correspondence-based doctoral programme,
 - d) admission to a self-financed correspondence-based doctoral programme on an individual course schedule,
 - e) rejection of the application
 - (3) The decision rejecting the application – if it violates a law or an institutional regulation – may be appealed within 15 days of receipt of the rejection. The prospective student shall address and submit the appeal to the Rector by mail. The appeal shall be assessed along the rules governing the remedies of student affairs, which are to be applied as appropriate. The decision on the appeal against the admission decision shall be made by the Student Appeals Board.
 - (4) If the Disciplinary Doctoral Council fails to fill the state-funded places provisionally distributed among the scientific fields and specifically the academic disciplines as prescribed in point m) of Section 6 of the present Regulations, the head of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall promptly notify the Chair of the University Doctoral Council about the state-funded places that remain unfilled following the admission decisions. The Chair of the University Doctoral Council shall subsequently promptly convene a session of the University Doctoral Council to consult with the heads of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils of the scientific fields concerned and recommend an allocation of the remaining state-funded places or shall make a decision about the allocations if such competence was transferred to the Chair by the University Doctoral Council in accordance with Section 8 (1) of the present Regulations.

GENERAL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE STUDENT STATUS

Establishment of the Student Status: Enrolment and Transfer

[...] ⁴⁹

Section 29

- (1) Students taking part in the doctoral programme shall be granted student status by the University.
- (2) ⁵⁰ If a body or person referred to in the present Regulations takes a decision in connection with the student status (including the establishment, termination or cancellation of the student status), the formal requirements and mandatory elements of the decision shall follow the provisions laid out in the HKR.

Section 30

The student may not apply for the postponement of enrolment. The faculty doctoral regulations may rule on whether they shall allow the student to postpone the commencement of the doctoral programme by no more than two semesters following the student's enrolment.

Section 31

⁴⁹ Quotations from Nftv. Articles 39 (3), (7), 42 (1), (4)-(5), 47 (2), (5)-(6) omitted in this space – TN.

⁵⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Conditions relating to the transfer of Doctoral Students from other higher education institutions and rules pertaining to the recognition of results achieved in other higher education institutions shall be determined by the faculty doctoral regulations. The decision on the transfer shall be made by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The resolution on the transfer shall be issued by the Dean.

Registration for the Semester, Course Registration

Section 32

- (1) At the beginning of each semester, the Student has to confirm whether he/she wishes to pursue or suspend his/her studies in the given semester. The Student can register for the semester up until the end of the registration period.
- (2) During the registration period, the Student must indicate any changes in his/her personal information. In case of changes that need to be verified by an official document, the Student must present said document in person to the faculty office.
- (3) The registration period in the doctoral programme shall be scheduled in a way that ensures that scholarships due in September can be paid out in the reference month.
- (4) Students registered for an active semester have until the end of the course registration period to register for the required courses in the Electronic Registration System as well as for other academic and research obligations through which credits can be obtained.
- (5) ⁵¹The head of the doctoral school shall be responsible, under the supervision of the chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, for publishing the list of subjects, courses and other academic and research obligations at the latest by the end of the course registration period. The doctoral school shall publish on its website all relevant details of the published courses, such as the time and place, course requirements, assessment, required reading, by the start of the course registration period. The faculty office may assist the doctoral school in publishing the course listing and details.
- (6) First-instance decisions on complaints submitted in connection with the course registration in the doctoral programme shall be made by the faculty office.

Interruption of the Student Status

[...] ⁵²

⁵³Nftv. Article 53 (4) ... During the procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree, student status shall not be suspended for a period of more than two years

[Different rules shall apply during the state of danger declared over the coronavirus pandemic: see Govt Decree no. 217/2021. (IV.30.)

Article 1 (1) By way of derogation from Article 53 (4) of Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education, a student who passed the comprehensive examination between 1 February 2018 and 10 May 2021 must submit a doctoral dissertation within the four academic years following the comprehensive examination. This period may be extended by a maximum of one year, as specified in the doctoral regulations, in cases worthy of special evaluation.

(2) In the doctoral student's procedure to obtain the doctoral degree specified in paragraph (1), the suspension of the student status may not exceed four semesters.

Nftv. Article 117/G (1) By way of derogation from Article 53 (4), a student who passed the comprehensive examination between 1 February 2018 and 31 August 2021 must submit a doctoral dissertation as specified in the doctoral regulations within four academic years following the comprehensive examination. This period

⁵¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁵² Quotation from Nftv. Article 45 (1)-(4) omitted in this space – TN.

⁵³ Special legislation pertaining to the state of danger

may be extended by a maximum of one year, as specified in the doctoral regulations, in cases worthy of special evaluation.

(2) In the doctoral student's procedure to obtain the doctoral degree specified in paragraph (1), the suspension of the student status may not exceed four semesters.]

Section 33

- (1) ⁵⁴Students who commence their studies may announce their intention to suspend their student status until the end of the registration period. The registration may be withdrawn for the reason specified in Section 36 (3) of the Academic Regulations for Students of Eötvös Loránd University's Organisational and Operational Regulations. In such cases, the decision on the withdrawal of the registration shall be taken by the doctoral school council.
- (2) Regulations on the conditions of granting students permission to suspend their student status for a period of more than two semesters shall be laid out in the individual faculty doctoral regulations.

Reallocation

[...] ⁵⁵

[...] ⁵⁶

Section 34

- (1) The doctoral school or the curriculum of the doctoral programme may define the minimum number of credits that the Student in state-funded doctoral programmes must obtain when their student status is not suspended. If the Student fails to obtain the minimum number of credits specified within two consecutive semesters, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may reallocate the Student to a self-financed programme effective the ensuing semester.
- (2) At the request of the Student enrolled in a state-funded programme, the faculty office may reallocate the Student – exercising the authority transferred to it from the Disciplinary Doctoral Council – to a self-financed programme as of the first day of the month following the submission of the request. The resolution on the reallocation shall indicate the pro-rata amount of the tuition fee payable.
- (3) The Student shall be reallocated to a self-financed programme if he/she is found to be in breach of the regulations prescribed in Section 39 of the present Regulations. The Student shall be told in writing before the decision made by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council to terminate his/her status with any other employer within a specified deadline. If the Student fails to provide proof of the termination of his/her status with the other employer within the specified deadline, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall decide on the Student's reallocation at its ensuing session.
- (4) ⁵⁷If a state-funded place at the doctoral school is to become vacant due to the reasons specified in paragraphs (1)-(3) or if the student status of the Student pursuing doctoral studies in a state-funded programme is terminated before the completion of his/her studies, a call for applications for students taking part in self-financed programmes shall be published on the website of the doctoral school for the state-funded place. The assessment criteria of the applications are contained in the faculty doctoral regulations and shall be published on the website of the doctoral school simultaneously to the publication of the call for applications. The assessment of the applications and the granting of the state scholarship shall be carried out by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council or the doctoral school council based on the provisions of the faculty doctoral regulations.

⁵⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁵⁵ Quotation from Nftv. Article 48 (2A)-(3) omitted in this space – TN.

⁵⁶ Quotation from Nftv. vhr. Section 61 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

⁵⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Termination of the Student Status

[...] ⁵⁸

Section 35

- (1) The faculty office may declare the termination of the student status if the Student
 - a) ⁵⁹announces the termination of his/her student status,
 - b) does not wish to continue his/her studies in a self-financed programme and notifies the doctoral school of this in writing,
 - c) is barred from continuing his/her studies after a disciplinary penalty was imposed against the Student,
 - d) fails to pass the comprehensive examination,
 - e) ⁶⁰at the end of the eighth semester for which the student has registered if he/she has not obtained the pre-degree certificate.
- (2) The Dean shall decide on the termination of the student status at the initiative of the faculty office if the Student
 - a) fails to commence his/her studies after the expiry of a suspension of the student status for a time period granted at the Student's request,
 - b) fails to fulfil his/her payment obligations. In this case, the faculty office shall issue a notice of overdue payment to the Student and seek out the opinion of the head of the doctoral school before initiating the termination of the student status.
- (3) The faculty office shall notify the Student and the doctoral school in all cases of the termination of the student status.
- (4) ⁶¹

Section 36

- (1) The Student shall be dismissed,
 - a) if he/she fails to complete a compulsory course at the second attempt in the training and research phase of the programme,
 - b) if he/she fails to qualify for the comprehensive examination due to his/her failure to obtain by the end of his/her fourth active semester the required credits in the training and research phase of the programme specified in the programme curriculum.
- (2) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall decide on the dismissal of the Student based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school.

The Credit System

Nftv. Article 49 (1) In the course of studies at a higher education institution, the fulfilment of academic requirements shall be expressed in academic credit points (hereinafter referred to as "credit"), assigned to specific courses and curriculum units, and shall be assessed by marking. The total of the credits accumulated shall express progress toward the completion of a given programme, while the mark received shall express the quality of performance.

(2) In the course of their studies, students shall have the opportunity to collect up to five percent of the total number of credits required for obtaining a diploma by taking optional courses, or by participating in voluntary activities in substitution for those courses, pursuant to the higher education institution's rules for organisation and operation, and to choose from courses with a total credit value that exceeds the total number of credits required by at least twenty percent.

(2a) It shall be ensured that students can include in their individual study schedules, without having to pay any additional cost or fee,

⁵⁸ Quotation from Nftv. Article 59 (1), (3)-(5) omitted in this space – TN.

⁵⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁶⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

⁶¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution LI/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

a) courses with a total credit value that exceeds the total number of credits required by at least ten percent, and

b) courses taught in a language other than Hungarian up to ten percent of the total number of credits required.

(3) Students may take courses offered under other programmes at the higher education institution with which they have student status or at other higher education institutions, as guest students, provided that such courses relate to their programmes of study.

(4) Higher education institutions shall provide recommended curricula in order to help students create their own study schedules. Higher education institutions shall ensure for all students the opportunity to participate in assessments and to repeat successful or unsuccessful assessments, guaranteeing that such repeated assessments are carried out in an unbiased manner.

(5) Credits shall not be awarded for a given learning outcome more than once. Credits shall be recognised only after a comparison of the learning outcomes forming the basis of the credits gained, based on the outcome requirements of the courses (modules) concerned. Credits shall be recognised if there is a seventy-five percent or closer match between the learning outcomes compared. The comparison of learning outcomes shall be carried out by a committee set up for that purpose (hereinafter referred to as “credit transfer committee”) by the higher education institution.

(6) The credit transfer committee may recognise prior non-formal and informal learning, work experiences, as well as knowledge acquired in studies resulting in the obtainment of a vocation or professional qualification for the purpose of the fulfilment of academic requirements, as set out in this Act and the applicable government decree. The case-by-case decision of the credit transfer committee shall be applied for a period of five years for the same credit recognition request.

(6a) The decisions of the credit transfer committee not containing personal information and their period of validity, as well as the subject descriptions of all courses and modules of the higher education institution must be made available to all students and lecturers through the study system and must be made available to download for the education systems of other higher education institutions.

(7) Issues related to the application of paragraphs (3) to (6) shall be regulated in the study and examination rules, with the stipulation that the number of credits required under the study and examination rules for obtaining a final certificate (absolutorium), but at least one third of the credit value of the programme, shall be collected at the given higher education institution, even where previous studies at the institution or elsewhere or prior learning are recognised as having credit values.

(7a) The requirement in paragraph 7 to obtain at least one third of the credit value of the programme at a given institution shall not apply in the case of

- a) doctoral training,
- b) -e)...

Nftv. Article 108 24. *Credit*: a unit for measuring students’ academic work which expresses in respect of a course or curriculum unit the time estimated to be necessary for acquiring the defined learning outcomes and meeting the requirements; one credit represents thirty academic hours on average, and the value of a credit does not depend on the assessment of the learning outcome acquired by the student, provided that the student’s performance was accepted;

[...] ⁶²

Section 37

(1) Academic and research achievements in the doctoral programme at the University shall be evaluated in accordance with the rules of the credit system. The details of the regulations shall be laid out in legislation, the faculty doctoral regulations and the operation regulations of the doctoral schools.

- (2) In the doctoral programme, credits can be obtained,
- a) by completing the course requirements,
 - b) acquiring the course material
 - c) research activities,
 - d) teaching activities,
 - e) teaching observation, assisting in teaching activities.

The curriculum of the doctoral school (doctoral programme) may award credits for the completion of the comprehensive examination or certain subjects of the comprehensive examination.

⁶² Quotation from Nftv. vhr. Section 54 (1)-(4) omitted in this space – TN.

- (3) The number of credits obtained by the completion of the requirements listed in points d)-e) of paragraph (2) shall not exceed one third of the total number of obtainable credits.
- (4) The minimum credit requirement for one semester shall be determined by the doctoral school or the curriculum of the doctoral programme.
- (5) The rules and criteria of credit allocation and credit accumulation shall be laid out in the faculty doctoral regulations or the operational regulations of the doctoral schools.

Student Employment

[...] ⁶³

Section 38 ⁶⁴

Teaching and research-related work carried out by Doctoral Students at the University and their financial remuneration shall be regulated by Rector's Order.

Section 39 ⁶⁵

Doctoral Programme Agreement

[...] ⁶⁶

Section 40

- (1) In accordance with the provisions laid out in the operational regulations of the doctoral school, the head of the doctoral school or the head of the faculty (institution, research centre) handling the doctoral programme, the Doctoral Student and his/her topic supervisor may enter into an agreement on the rights and obligations concerning the completion of the Student's training plan and/or the obtainment of the doctoral degree.
- (2) The entities listed in paragraph (1) may also enter into an agreement with a former Doctoral Student who obtained a pre-degree certificate in the given doctoral school but failed to turn in his/her doctoral dissertation within the deadline specified in Section 53 (4) of Nftv., but wishes to continue his/her research and doctoral dissertation in his/her chosen topic.
- (3) The agreement shall cover/include, in particular,
 - a) a precise indication of the doctoral topic
 - b) the scheduling of the research plan broken down into semesters, the venue of the research activity – if necessary – and the Student's weekly timetable,
 - c) methods of and guarantees for granting the former Student access to the infrastructure necessary for the research,
 - d) integration of the former Student into the work of the research centre and research group,
 - e) rules pertaining to communication between the former Student and the topic supervisor, methods and frequency of the assessment of the research activity,
 - f) the former Student's participation in the educational tasks of the department/institution and/or academic meetings or conferences organised by or on the basis of the cooperative relationships of the research centre, faculty and the University,
 - g) regulations pertaining to the use and classification of information acquired during the research project along with the legal sanctions that may be imposed in the event of misuse/breach of secrecy of said information,

⁶³ Quotation from Nftv. Article 44 (5) omitted in this space – TN.

⁶⁴ Established by Senate Resolution XIX/2019. (III. 4.). Effective March 5, 2019.

⁶⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

⁶⁶ Quotation from R. Section 11 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

- h) ⁶⁷the agreement pertaining to potential employment or internship taken up by the former Student with another employer or research institution,
- i) rules pertaining to the responsibility of the former Student if he/she attempts to use his/her doctoral dissertation to obtain a PhD degree at a different higher education institution.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS IN THE TRAINING AND RESEARCH PHASE

Regulation of Academic Requirements

Section 41

The academic and research requirements that shall be fulfilled in the training and research phase of the doctoral programme shall be defined by the curriculum of the doctoral programme, declaring that all academic requirements shall be met in this phase. The number of credits obtained in this phase shall be no less than 108 credits and may not exceed 132 credits, including the credits allocated to the comprehensive examination (exam subjects) in the curriculum, if applicable.

The Doctoral Topic and Training Plan

[...] ⁶⁸

Section 42

- (1) The Doctoral Student's training plan shall define within the framework of the curriculum of the doctoral programme the academic work to be carried out by the Student in the training and research phase of the doctoral programme.
- (2) The training plan of the Doctoral Student taking part in an individual doctoral programme shall include academic requirements fulfilled through previous academic achievements. The training plan shall indicate the Student's previously fulfilled academic requirements and shall include the duration of the training and research phase complete with the schedule of the training, research and reporting requirements.
- (3) The Doctoral Student's training plan shall be approved by the head of the doctoral school based on the recommendation of the topic supervisor. In the case of the operation of a doctoral programme, the head of the doctoral school may delegate this authority to the head of the doctoral programme.

Changing the Doctoral Topic and Topic Supervisor

Section 43

- (1) Unless defined otherwise by the faculty doctoral regulations or the operational regulations of the doctoral school, within three semesters of the commencement of the doctoral programme, the Doctoral Student may request permission to continue pursuing the doctoral degree in a different doctoral programme with a different doctoral topic and different topic supervisor.
- (2) Within the timeframe specified in paragraph (1) the topic supervisor may also resign from his/her duties as supervisor and/or may propose the appointment of a co-supervisor. The topic supervisor shall submit his/her resignation to the head of the doctoral school in writing, complete with a justification.

⁶⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁶⁸ Quotation from R. Section 13 (1), (4)-(6) omitted in this space – TN.

- (3) The decision on changing the Student's topic and/or supervisor shall be taken by the council of the doctoral school. The council may delegate this authority to the head of the doctoral school.
- (4) The council of the doctoral school – based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school and after seeking out the opinion of the Student – shall appoint a new topic supervisor in the event of the death of the topic supervisor, if the supervisor's role as topic announcer is suspended or revoked by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council pursuant to Section 17 (3) or if the supervisor's role as topic announcer at the doctoral school is terminated for any other reason.
- (5) A decision on the recognition of the requirements previously fulfilled by the Student shall be made simultaneously to the decision on granting the Student permission to transfer to another doctoral programme or change his/her doctoral topic.

Nftv. Article 17 ⁶⁹(1) In accordance with the programme and outcome requirements, tertiary programmes may be offered as full-time, part-time or distance education programmes. Full-time programmes shall comprise at least two hundred contact hours per semester and, in the case of doctoral programmes, at least forty hours or equivalent closed-circuit electronic absentee education.

(2) Full-time programmes shall be delivered through full-time daytime delivery, based on a five-day working week, on working days. Derogation from this provision is possible with the consent of the students' union of the higher education institution. Full-time programmes may also be organised as dual study programmes.

Attendance

Section 44

- (1) The conditions of attending and consequences of missing lectures, seminars or practical lessons shall be regulated by the operational regulations of the doctoral school. Students shall be informed of these provisions at the first lesson of the given course.
- (2) ⁷⁰Time devoted to research activities in the higher education institution or in a research or practice institution it entered into a cooperation agreement with or field research along with time devoted to other lecturing or research activities that award credits shall qualify as lessons. The provisions established in the Employment Regulations of the Organisational and Operational Regulations of the University shall be applicable in determining the number of teaching hours completed by the topic supervisor. Lessons may only be organised in the study period in doctoral programmes as well.
- (3) The regulations pertaining to uniquely tailored study arrangements laid out in the HKR shall not be applicable to the doctoral programme. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council may grant the Student permission to pursue his/her doctoral degree in a uniquely tailored study arrangement in the cases laid out in the faculty doctoral regulations.

Section 45

- (1) A Student pursuing their studies in uniquely tailored study arrangements must meet his/her obligations of enrolment, registration pay the tuition fee and submit required information to the Universities in accordance with the training plan.
- (2) The primary form of academic preparation in a uniquely tailored study arrangement is consultation.
- (3) Details of the rules pertaining to academic preparation in a uniquely tailored study arrangement are laid out in the faculty doctoral regulations or the operational regulations of the doctoral schools. The rules shall cover, in particular, the conditions of the guarantee or revocation of the uniquely tailored study arrangement, the rules pertaining to the calculation of credits – if necessary – the unique forms of the completion of the training,

⁶⁹ Amended by Act LIII of 2021 Article 40 point 4. Effective 28 May 2021.

⁷⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LI/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

research and reporting requirements and the forms of their verification along with the special conditions of the phases and completion of the programme and the modes of their verification.

Academic Assessment

Section 46

- (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)], a three-grade scale [excellent, satisfactory, fail] or a two-grade scale [pass, fail].
- (2) Assessment of other academic requirements can be carried out according to a three-grade scale [excellent, satisfactory, fail] or a two-grade scale [pass, fail].

Section 47

- (1) Dates of examinations shall be scheduled in a way that allows the Doctoral Student sufficient time to take each exam.
- (2) In the event of an unsuccessful exam, the Doctoral Student may make a second attempt to pass the exam in the given exam period.
- (3) The announcer of the course, or in the case of research activities, the topic supervisor, based on the training plan, may set other forms of assessment or other criteria for the completion of the activities. In this case the assessment criteria shall be specified in the curriculum in the case of courses and in the Student's training plan in the case of research activities.
- (4) First-instance decisions on complaints submitted in connection with the grade recorded in the Electronic Registration System shall be made by the faculty office.

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

[...] ⁷¹
[...] ⁷²

Section 48

- (1) The comprehensive examination is a comprehensive evaluation of the Student's knowledge acquired in the training and research phase of the doctoral programme and the Student's preparedness for the programme's research and dissertation phase.
- (2) The comprehensive examination is comprised of two main parts. The theoretical part assesses the examinee's theoretical knowledge while in the dissertation part the examinee shall demonstrate his/her level of academic progress.
- (3) In the theoretical part of the comprehensive examination, the examinee shall be tested in at least two subjects. The material and list of subjects that can be tested is contained in the curriculum of the doctoral school. The theoretical part of the comprehensive examination may also contain a written part.
- (4) In the dissertation part of the comprehensive examination the examinee shall give account of his/her lexical knowledge in the form of a lecture, give account of his/her research results, presents his/her research plan pertaining to the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral programme and the planned schedule of the preparation and publication of the doctoral dissertation. The faculty doctoral regulations and the curriculum may prescribe that the Student give account of his/her research activities (component study, research report, research plan, hereinafter jointly referred to as: research documentation). The

⁷¹ Quotation from Nftv. Article 53 (1), (3) omitted in this space – TN.

⁷² Quotation from R. Section 12/A (1), (3)-(5) omitted in this space – TN.

assessment criteria of the oral and – if compulsory – written research documentation and the deadline for its submission are regulated by the faculty doctoral regulations and the curriculum.

Conditions of Applying for the Comprehensive Examination

Section 49

- (1) Doctoral Students taking part in organised doctoral programmes who have obtained the required academic and research credits in the academic and research phase of the programme laid out in the curriculum of the doctoral programme, not including the credits awarded for preparing for the comprehensive examination, shall be eligible to apply for the comprehensive examination.
- (2) ⁷³The topic supervisor of the Student applying for the comprehensive examination shall assess the Student's performance in the academic and research phase of the doctoral programme and give his/her opinion on whether the Student can be granted permission to take the comprehensive examination.

R. Section 12 In the case of Students wishing to prepare for the doctoral procedure on their own

- a) The doctoral procedure begins with the submission of a written request, and the Student's passing the comprehensive examination;***
- b) Conditions of the approval of the Student's registration for the comprehensive examination as well as the Student's admission shall be prescribed by the operation regulations of the doctoral school;***
- c) Once the Student passes the comprehensive examination, the higher education institution shall recognise the minimum number of credits required for granting students permission to take the comprehensive examination and allow for the recognition of further credits based on the Student's previously acquired knowledge and competences.***

Section 50

- (1) Application for the comprehensive examination and the obtainment of the doctoral degree without preliminary doctoral training shall also be open to individuals who received their degrees no less than five years prior to their application, meet the admission criteria of the doctoral school and for whom it can be determined based on their professional and academic achievements that their academic works meet at least the assessment criteria of the academic and research phase of the doctoral programme.
- (2) For the purpose of assessing whether the candidate meets the admission criteria, the faculty doctoral regulations may prescribe that the applicant take an entrance exam.
- (3) On the basis of the request – and if prescribed by the faculty doctoral regulations, the successful entrance exam – the council of the doctoral school shall carry out a habitus investigation on the applicant's admission or the granting of permission for the applicant to take the comprehensive examination based on the detailed opinion of the head of the relevant doctoral programme or the head of the department. Over the course of the habitus investigation, the council shall assess the applicant's curriculum vitae, academic performance prior to his/her submission of the request, academic publications, other academic works, lecture activities, etc.
- (4) The result of the habitus investigation shall be expressed in form of credits allocated in the curriculum for research and lecture tasks. A minutes shall be prepared of the result of the investigation complete with a justification. If the applicant acquires the number of credits necessary to be granted permission to take the comprehensive examination, the council of the doctoral school, based on the result of the habitus investigation, shall recommend to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council that the applicant be granted permission to take the exam. When calculating the credits, the proportion of academic and research credits pertaining to students taking part in organised trainings shall not have to be taken into account.

⁷³Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

- (5) The applicant shall pay the sum stipulated in Annex 4 of the present Regulations for the habitus investigation and the comprehensive examination, unless the applicant is employed by the University.
- (6) The decision the applicant's admission or granting the applicant permission to take the comprehensive examination shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the recommendation of the council of the doctoral school.
- (7) The provisions laid out in paragraphs (3)-(6) shall also apply to comprehensive examination applicants
 - a) ⁷⁴who after obtaining the pre-degree certificate submit their doctoral dissertation and request the initiation of the doctoral procedure following the expiry of the deadline specified in Section 53 (4) of Nftv. and the deadline prolonged by a grant of equity referred to in Section 59 of the present Regulations,
 - b) ⁷⁵whose doctoral procedure was terminated by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council for the reason specified in Section 71 (3) of the present Regulations or on whom the University Doctoral Council did not confer the title of PhD,
 - c) who obtained their pre-degree certificates in the same academic discipline but in a different doctoral school.

Application for the Comprehensive Examination

Section 51

- (1) Applications for the comprehensive examination held in the spring examination period shall be turned in by 31 March of the given year and applications for the comprehensive examination held in the winter examination period shall be turned in by 31 October of the given year. Applications shall be handed in to the faculty office in writing by filling out the application form contained in Annex 5 of the present Regulations.
- (2) Doctoral Students taking part in organised training programmes shall attach the report on their research activity to the application form, if prescribed by the faculty doctoral regulations.
- (3) Apart from the documents specified in paragraphs (1)-(2) applicants applying for the comprehensive examination without preliminary doctoral training shall also attach to their applications
 - a) a curriculum vitae
 - b) documents prescribed by law, the present Regulations and the faculty doctoral regulations which are necessary for admission
 - c) a written summary as well as documents providing authentic verification of the applicant's professional and academic history and works as a lecturer. The applicant must provide verification of his/her academic history by providing copies of entries registered in the bibliographic database of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences⁷⁶ (hereinafter: HAS bibliographic database) defined in Act XL of 1994 on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
 - d) a research plan for the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral programme
 - e) a proof of payment of the fees payable for the habitus investigation and the comprehensive examination.

Announcing Comprehensive Examination Dates

Section 52

⁷⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁷⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁷⁶ Act XL of 1994 on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Section 3 (1) point o)

- (1) ⁷⁷Comprehensive examinations shall be held in the examination periods specified in the Rector's Order on the academic year calendar. The comprehensive examinations shall be scheduled so that a retake exam can be held by no later than 15 February pertaining to the winter examination period and by no later than 15 September of the ensuing academic year pertaining to the spring examination period. In consideration of the number of students who are granted permission to take the comprehensive examination, the announced exam subjects and the organisation of the exam committees, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may choose to extend the spring examination period till 15 July if deemed necessary.
- (2) Decisions on the scheduling of the comprehensive examinations, the theoretical subjects to be aligned with the research topics and tested in given exams and the makeup of the exam committees shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school or – on the basis of authorisation given in the organisational and operational regulations of the doctoral school – the head of the doctoral programme. The comprehensive examinations shall be scheduled in a way that examinees are guaranteed at least 21 days of preparation for the exams. Taking into account the provisions in paragraph (1), retake exams shall be scheduled for the same examination period simultaneously to the scheduling of the comprehensive examinations. The schedule shall provide at least 15 days between the comprehensive examination and the retake exam.
- (3) The faculty office shall notify applicants for the comprehensive examination in writing on the decision on their application, the schedule of the exam, the exam subject(s) determined by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council and the makeup of the exam committee taking into account the deadline specified in paragraph (1).
- (4) In consideration of cases in merit of special equity, the Student may request the postponement of the comprehensive examination within the given examination period. In this case, that Student's comprehensive examination date may be set for the retake exam period.

The Exam Committee

[...] ⁷⁸

Section 53

- (1) The comprehensive examination shall be taken in public, in front of an exam committee.
- (2) The committee shall consist of at least three members, at least one of whom is not employed by the University, not including an employment status established specifically for membership on the exam committee. The committee chair shall be a professor, professor emeritus, research professor or associate professor at the University. Only persons with academic degrees may be on the exam committee. The committee shall also include substitute members.
- (3) The examinee's
 - a) topic supervisor,
 - b) relative (Section 8:1 (1) of the Civil Code of Hungary),
 - c) direct employer (or research centre leader) or subordinate,
 - d) co-author in an academic publication
 - e) any person who cannot be expected to give an objective evaluation
 are prohibited from serving on the exam committee.
- (4) Decision on the expulsion of a member from the committee shall be taken promptly by the chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on a complaint by the examinee or an announcement by the member concerned or after gaining knowledge of any other grounds

⁷⁷ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁷⁸Quotations from R. Section 12/A (2), Section 17 omitted in this space – TN

for the exclusion of the member, if the Disciplinary Doctoral Council originally appointed a substitute member to the committee.

- (5) In accordance with the provisions of the faculty doctoral regulations, the topic supervisor of the Doctoral Student may be present at the comprehensive examination but may not act as an examiner and may not take part in the Student's evaluation. The faculty office shall notify the Student's supervisor of the date of the exam simultaneously to the notification of the Student.

[...] ⁷⁹

Evaluation of the Exam. Retaking an Unsuccessful Exam

⁸⁰**Nftv. vhr. Section 42** (4) The (...) minutes of the comprehensive examination shall include

- a) ... the name of the higher education institution, its institutional identification number,
- b) ... the name, student identification number, previous level of education and qualification of the doctoral student,
- c) the name and academic identification number of the topic supervisor,
- d) the academic field and discipline of the degree to be obtained,
- e) ... the questions and the grading of the answers in the comprehensive examination,
- f) ... the grade awarded for the comprehensive examination,
- g) ... the names, academic identification numbers and signatures of the Chair and members of the comprehensive examination board.

Section 54⁸¹

- (1) A minutes shall be prepared on the comprehensive examination.
- (2) ⁸²The curriculum of the doctoral programme may award credits for preparing for certain subjects making up the comprehensive examination.
- (3) In the event that the Student fails to pass one or all of the theoretical subjects of the comprehensive examination, he/she may take a retake exam in this (these) subject(s) within the same examination period on the day set aside for retake exams. The retake exam fee shall be determined in Annex 4 of the present Regulations.
- (4) ⁸³
- (5) Any other rules pertaining to the successful passing, postponement of the comprehensive examination or the retake of an unsuccessful exam shall be laid out in the faculty doctoral regulations.

Section 55

- (1) If the Student fails to pass the comprehensive examination by the last day of the examination period following the completion of his/her fourth semester – including the retake examination period – the Student's student status shall expire on day of the unsuccessful exam (retake exam) or on the last day of the examination period if he/she failed to fulfil his/her obligation to attempt the exam without having requested a postponement.
- (2) The faculty office shall notify the Student in writing of the expiry of his/her student status.
- (3) Former students who have had their student status expire due to the reasons specified in paragraph (1) may apply for the comprehensive examination along the rules pertaining to potential applicants who have not participated in preliminary doctoral training. If the

⁷⁹ Quotation from Act V of 2013 on the Civil Code of Hungary Section 8.1 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

⁸⁰ Provision enacted by Senate Resolution CCII/2016. (IX. 26.).

⁸¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective 26 September, 2016.

⁸² Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

⁸³ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Repealed from the first day of the comprehensive exam period after the amendment.

Student applies to take the comprehensive examination within 5 years of the expiry of his/her student status,

- a) the five-year rule specified in Section 50 (1) and the rules laid out in Section 50 (2) shall not apply to that Student,
- b) that Student's earlier academic and research activities completed at the doctoral school shall be included in the evaluations made over the course of the habitus investigation.

PROMOTING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AMONG STUDENTS⁸⁴

Nftv. Article 49 (8) Students with disabilities shall be given the opportunity to prepare for and take examinations in a manner adapted to their disabilities, and shall receive assistance for meeting the obligations arising from student status. In justified cases, disabled students shall be exempted from studying certain subjects, or parts thereof, or the obligation to participate in an assessment. Where necessary, exemption shall be granted in respect of the assessment of professional foreign-language proficiency or a part or level thereof. Disabled students shall be allowed a longer preparation period when taking an examination, the use of aids, such as a typewriter or computer, for written examinations and, where appropriate, the option of taking a written examination instead of an oral one. The exemptions pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted only in respect of the grounds thereof and shall not entail exemption from the basic academic requirements to be fulfilled for obtaining the qualification attested by the diploma.

Nftv. vhr. Section 62⁸⁵ (1) The higher education institution, on the basis of an expert opinion issued by the body specified in Article 63, may grant the following benefits to students with disabilities, depending on their individual characteristics, subject to Nftv. Article 49 (8):

- a) use of oral instead of written or written instead of oral exams,
- b) allowing more time for preparation and answering than the time allowed for non-disabled students,
- c) the use of disability-appropriate aids and equipment during the student's studies and examinations,
- d) the provision of a personal helper, sign language, oral or note-taking interpreters during the student's studies and examinations,
- e) for the sake of intelligibility and understanding, the questions and instructions shall be presented to the student both verbally and in writing; the use of audio-visual illustration, Braille, and magnification,
- f) minimal waiting time when taking an exam, longer exams shall be split into multiple parts, the student is allowed to take breaks without leaving the location of the exam,
- g) if the student so wishes, during an oral exam, questions may be written down or repeated, complex questions may be broken up into multiple questions and the exam questions and requirements may be clarified,
- h) allowing individual examination,
- i) exemption from tasks requiring manual skills, with the stipulation that theoretical knowledge may be required,
- j) partial or total exemption from, or other forms of, practical requirements; or
- k) exemption from a part, level of, or a full language proficiency evaluation.

(2) The longer period of preparation time than the time given to non-disabled students shall exceed the preparation time given to non-disabled students by at least 30%.

(3) If warranted, based on the expert opinion provided to the institution, the university may give further allowances to special needs students than the allowances listed in paragraph (1) above.

(4)

(5) In the case of the existence of a non-disabling health impairment or chronic illness, the higher education institution may provide the student with personalised assistance on the basis of a specialist medical opinion.

Nftv. vhr. Section 63 (1) The type of disability of a student (candidate) shall be certified by an expert opinion issued by the body specified in paragraphs (2)-(5).

(2) If the student's (candidate's) disability or special educational need already existed during their time in secondary education, the disability or special educational need can be verified by an expert opinion issued by the county (metropolitan) pedagogical professional service institutions and their member institutions acting as county expert committees.

(3) If the student's (candidate's) disability or special educational needs did not exist during their time in secondary education, the disability can be verified by an expert opinion issued by the Eötvös Loránd University National Pedagogical Assistance Service.

⁸⁴ New title and subchapter enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

⁸⁵ Amendments to Nftv. vhr. Sections 62- 63 shall enter into effect on 1 September 2023. Nftv. vhr. Section 62 (11) repealed by Constitutional Court ruling 6/2022. (IV.26.) effective 27 April 2022.

Section 55/A⁸⁶

Over the course of the doctoral studies, including the comprehensive examination, students with disabilities must be entitled to the exemptions and preferences laid out in Nftv. vhr. Section 62 (1)-(5).

THE PRE-DEGREE CERTIFICATE (ABSOLUTORIUM)

[...] ⁸⁷

Nftv. Article 59 (1) Student status shall be terminated

d) on the last day of the semester in which the student obtained the pre-degree certificate (absolutorium),

Nftv. vhr. Section 44 (1) If the Student has fulfilled the criteria for the issuance of the pre-degree certificate, the higher education institution shall issue the certificate with the date of the Student's completion of their studies within twenty days of said date.

- (2) The Student shall be notified of the issuance of the pre-degree certificate at the time of its issuance.
- (3) The pre-degree certificate shall be issued as a certified document.
- (4) The pre-degree certificate shall be assigned a unique registration number at the time of issue and its details must be registered in the electronic academic registration system of the higher education institution.
- (5) The pre-degree certificate is an annex to the registry sheet.

Section 56⁸⁸

The Conditions of Obtaining the Pre-degree Certificate (Absolutorium)

- (1) The successful 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.
- (2) ⁸⁹The pre-degree certificate shall be issued with the date of the last day of the semester in which the Student obtains the required 240 credits and fulfils all other requirements in the training plan of the doctoral programme.

APPEALS

Section 57

- (1) Decision made pertaining to student affairs may be subject to appeal in the case of a violation of the law, the present Regulations, the faculty doctoral regulations or the operational regulations or the doctoral schools.
- (2) The appeal shall be reviewed by the Student Appeals Board.
- (3) The Student Appeals Board shall apply as appropriate the provisions specified in Chapter IX of the HKR in its reviews of appeals.

OBTAINING THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

⁸⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective: 27 June 2023.

⁸⁷ Quotation from Nftv. Article 53 (4A) omitted in this space – TN.

⁸⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

⁸⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective: 13 December 2021.

CONDITIONS OF OBTAINING THE DOCTORAL DEGREE⁹⁰

Nftv. Article 53 (4)⁹¹ Doctoral students shall submit their doctoral dissertations within three academic years from the comprehensive examination, as set out in the doctoral rules. In cases deserving special consideration, provided for in Article 45 (2), this time limit may be extended by not more than one academic year, as set out in the doctoral rules. During the procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree, student status shall not be suspended for a period of more than two years.

(4a) The higher education institution shall issue a final certificate (absolutorium) to doctoral students who have acquired the number of credits required under the doctoral programme.

(5) The conditions for obtaining a doctoral degree shall include:

a) fulfilment of the obligations laid down in the doctoral rules;

b) proof of adequate language skills for performing academic activity in the given discipline in one or more foreign languages as set out in the Doctoral Regulations, which, in the case of deaf students, may be a non-Hungarian sign language;

c) presentation of independent academic work or activity in sport science through articles, studies or by other means, or presentation of the results of independent artistic creative activities, as a condition for obtaining an artistic doctorate (DLA);

d) solving independently an academic or artistic task adapted to the requirements of the degree; presentation of a paper or a work of art; defence of results in an open debate.

(6) All doctoral degrees awarded shall be recorded in a central register, which shall be open to the public for inspection. Online accessibility for the register shall be ensured. The detailed rules governing doctoral programmes and the award of doctoral degrees shall be laid down in the doctoral rules of the higher education institution.

(7) Persons holding a PhD degree may use the abbreviation “PhD” or “Dr.” with their name, while those holding a DLA degree may use the abbreviation “DLA” or “Dr.” with their name.

Nftv. Article 117/G (1) By way of derogation from Article 53 (4), a student who passed the comprehensive examination between 1 February 2018 and 31 August 2021 must submit a doctoral dissertation as specified in the doctoral regulations within four academic years following the comprehensive examination. This period may be extended by a maximum of one year, as specified in the doctoral regulations, in cases worthy of special evaluation.

(2) In the doctoral student's procedure to obtain the doctoral degree specified in paragraph (1), the suspension of the student status may not exceed four semesters.]

[...] ⁹²

Section 58

(1) The conditions of obtaining the doctoral degree shall be

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) ⁹³ proficiency in a foreign language required for academic research at a level specified in the faculty doctoral regulations or the regulations of the doctoral school, and its verification as prescribed by the regulations,

e) ⁹⁴

f) verification of academic publications specified in the faculty doctoral regulations or verification of at least two academic publications related to the topic of the doctoral dissertation,

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) defence of the doctoral dissertation in a public disputation.

⁹⁰ Title amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective: 13 December 2021.

⁹¹ Amended by Act LIII of 2021 Article 40 point 14. Effective 28 May 2021.

⁹² Quotation from R. Section 13 (2)-(3), Section 14 (1)-(3) omitted in this space – TN.

⁹³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁹⁴ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed: June 27, 2023.

- (2) ⁹⁵The list of languages necessary for the research to be carried out for the doctoral dissertation referred to in points d) and e) of paragraph (1) is contained in the faculty regulations or the operational regulations of the doctoral school.
- (3) ⁹⁶ The fulfilment of the foreign language proficiency requirements prescribed in points d) and e) of paragraph (1) in the case of the student with a disability may also be verified with a language proficiency exam passed in accordance with the nature of the student's disability prescribed by Nftv. vhr. Section 62 (11) and a certificate verifying the completion of the exam. This language proficiency certificate must be accompanied by the expert opinion referenced in Nftv. vhr. Section 63 if it was not submitted during the doctoral admission procedure or during the doctoral studies, or in the event that the disability status has changed compared to the previous expert opinion in terms of meeting the language proficiency requirements.
- (4) In the case of students whose native language is not Hungarian, the foreign languages referred to in points d)-e) of paragraph (1) may include Hungarian as well.
- (5) In the case of international cooperation in the form of co-tutelle programmes with foreign higher education institutions, agreements signed by the University in accordance with Sections 77-78 of the present Regulations may set obligations that diverge from the ones specified in points d)-g) of paragraph (1) and may prescribe different rules pertaining to the verification of language proficiency.

Section 59

- (1) The decision on the extension of the deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation prescribed by Section 53 (4) of Nftv. under the application of special equity shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council at the request of the Student or former Student (hereinafter jointly referred to as Doctoral Candidate).
- (2) ⁹⁷⁹⁸The request must be submitted before the expiry of the deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation. Any documents that may support the need for the application of special equity and a statement of approval from the topic supervisor must be attached to the request.

SUBMISSION OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

[...]⁹⁹

Content and Formal Requirements of the Doctoral Dissertation

Section 60

- (1) The doctoral dissertation cannot be written in co-authorship.
- (2) ¹⁰⁰The content and formal requirements of the doctoral dissertation are determined by the faculty doctoral regulations. A dissertation that has already been submitted may not be supplemented or modified during the doctoral procedure.

The Research Centre Disputation

Section 61

⁹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in ongoing programmes and procedures as well.

⁹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in ongoing programmes and procedures as well.

⁹⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIX/2019. (III. 4.). Effective March 5, 2019.

⁹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIX/2019. (III. 4.). Effective March 5, 2019.

⁹⁹ Quotation from Nftv. Article 108 1a. omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁰⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Prior to the submission of the doctoral dissertation, the department (institute) in charge of the relevant academic field shall organise an academic meeting (hereinafter: research centre disputation) to evaluate the dissertation. The department shall invite to the disputation the lecturers contributing to the doctoral programme, core members and topic supervisors researching the given topic at other universities and notable academic experts in the given field. A minutes shall be prepared of the research centre disputation. The detailed regulations of the research centre disputation shall be laid out in the faculty doctoral regulations specifying that the faculty doctoral regulations may prescribe other forms of evaluation pertaining to the doctoral dissertation prior to its submission, in place of the research centre disputation.

Submission of the Doctoral Dissertation

Section 62

- (1) The rules of the submission of the doctoral dissertation and its abstracts (number of copies to be submitted, the submission of a printed or electronic version) shall be determined by the faculty doctoral regulations, however, the submission of a printed version and an electronic version is compulsory. The electronic version shall be submitted in PDF/A format. The printed and electronic versions of the dissertation must be identical.
- (1a)¹⁰¹ Whenever possible, the Digital Object Identifier (hereinafter referred to as: DOI ID) of the referenced document should be included in the bibliography of the doctoral dissertation (and in the abstracts if there are any). When submitting the doctoral dissertation, the student shall declare the completeness of the indication of the DOI IDs on the “Declaration Form” specified in paragraph (2).
- (2) ¹⁰²Prior to the submission of the printed and electronic versions of the doctoral dissertation and its abstracts, the author of the dissertation shall apply for a DOI ID for their own dissertation from the faculty office by filling out and submitting the “Declaration Form” found in Annex 5 of the present regulations. The applicant must submit the “Declaration Form” to the faculty office electronically in the form of a Microsoft Word file without signing the document. The faculty office shall request a DOI ID for the doctoral dissertation on relevant electronic interface within five days of the receipt of the applicant’s “Declaration Form” and send it back to the applicant electronically. The DOI ID must be listed on the internal title page of the printed copies of the dissertation and the abstracts, as well as on the title page of the electronic copies.
- (3) ¹⁰³The doctoral dissertation and its abstracts shall be submitted together with a signed copy of the applicant’s “Declaration Form”. The printed copy of the “Declaration Form” shall be kept by the faculty office together with the documentations of the doctoral procedure. The electronic copy of the signed “Declaration Form” is to be submitted in a separate file in PDF/A format on the data carrier containing the electronic versions of the dissertation and the abstracts.
- (4) ¹⁰⁴Following the submission of the doctoral dissertation, the faculty office will upload the dissertation and its abstracts from their electronic copies to the ELTE Digital Institutional Repository (hereinafter: EDIT) within 10 business days. The dissertation shall not be made accessible to the public until a decision is made on the conferment of the doctoral degree, or until the deadlines specified in Section 76 (2)-(3) and (6) of the EDSZ.
- (5) In the case of a form of international cooperation as specified in Sections 77-78 of the present Regulations, the provisions laid out in paragraphs 61-62 shall be applied in line with the contents of and stipulations laid out in the cooperation agreements.

¹⁰¹ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The provision shall apply to doctoral dissertations (abstracts) submitted after 1 September 2022.

¹⁰² Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

¹⁰³ Amended by Senate Resolution LI/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

¹⁰⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LI/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE¹⁰⁵

[...] ¹⁰⁶

Section 63

- (1) ¹⁰⁷The Chairs of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils shall be responsible for establishing the conditions that ensure that the doctoral procedure is conducted in an objective manner.
- (2) ¹⁰⁸Persons for whom the grounds for exclusion listed in points a)-f) of Section 53 (3) apply shall be excluded from the doctoral procedure and may not participate in the handling of any substantial aspects of the procedure or the decision-making process.
- (3) The faculty regulations may specify other grounds for exclusion pertaining to the participation of the members of the Assessment Committee or official opponents.
- (4) ¹⁰⁹Decision on the expulsion of a member from the Assessment Committee shall be taken promptly by the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on a complaint by the doctoral procedure applicant or an announcement by the member concerned or after gaining knowledge of any other grounds for the exclusion of the member, if the Disciplinary Doctoral Council originally appointed substitute members to the committee or for the opponents. If the doctoral procedure cannot be continued, the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall promptly convene the Disciplinary Doctoral Council to appoint (a) new member(s) to the committee.

Section 64¹¹⁰

Doctoral procedures can be held between 1 September and 30 June at the University. Based on a special justification as laid out in the faculty doctoral regulations, public disputations may be held in July or between 21 and 31 August if the Disciplinary Doctoral Council initiated the doctoral procedure prior to 30 June.

Initiation of the Critique Procedure

Section 65

- (1) ¹¹¹The request for the initiation of the doctoral procedure shall be submitted by filling out the relevant application form found in Annex 5 of the present regulations. The request shall be submitted to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council through the faculty office.
- (2) Attachments to the request shall include:
 - a) the pre-degree certificate verifying the completion of the doctoral programme,
 - b) the doctoral dissertation and doctoral abstracts pursuant to Section 62,
 - c) the minutes of the research centre disputation, in addition to a joint recommendation by the head of the research centre/doctoral programme and the topic supervisor for the initiation of the critique procedure. The recommendation may also cover nominations for members of the Assessment Committee and the official opponents,
 - d) proof of language proficiency,
 - e) a copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae and bibliography of his/her academic publications. In the case of the latter, only publications that can be found in the HAS

¹⁰⁵ Title amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

¹⁰⁶ Quotation from R. Section 17 omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁰⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁰⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁰⁹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹¹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV.16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹¹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- bibliographic database pursuant to the Rector's Order on the register of the publications of the University¹¹² can be taken into account,
- f) ¹¹³
 - g) ¹¹⁴a declaration from the applicant that he/she has no pending doctoral procedure in the same academic discipline.
 - h) ¹¹⁵the "Declaration Form" specified in Section 62 (2)-(3).
- (3) Should the application be incomplete, the faculty office shall ask the applicant to submit the missing documents within 30 days.
 - (4) In the event that the applicant fails to submit the missing documents, the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall terminate the critique procedure.

Section 66

- (1) ¹¹⁶The decision on request for the initiation of the doctoral procedure shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. This authority may not be transferred to the Chair of the council or the head of the doctoral school.
- (2) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall only handle applications that meet the formal requirements.
- (3) ¹¹⁷The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall decide on the members of the Assessment Committee and the official opponents based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school, simultaneously to the approval of the request. In the case of a form of international cooperation as specified in Sections 77-78 of the present Regulations, decisions on the appointments of bodies contributing to the doctoral procedure shall be applied in harmony with the provisions of the international agreements.
- (4) ¹¹⁸The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall reject the initiation of the doctoral procedure if any of the conditions necessary for the initiation of the procedure pursuant to Section 65 are not met. The council shall include a justification of its decision in its resolution on the rejection of the initiation of the procedure.
- (5) The Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall inform the Chair of the University Doctoral Council every six months on the procedures initiated.

The Public Disputation

[...]¹¹⁹

[...]¹²⁰

Section 67

- (1) The Doctoral Candidate shall defend the doctoral dissertation in a public disputation before an Assessment Committee. In the case of doctoral dissertations containing information classified for national security reasons, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may order a closed disputation at the request of the Doctoral Candidate and the recommendation of the topic supervisor, based on the approval of the members of the Assessment Committee.
- (2) The Chair of the Assessment Committee shall be a professor, professor emeritus or associate professor at the university.

¹¹² Rector's Order 6/2012. (II. 23.).

¹¹³ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

¹¹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹¹⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The provision shall apply to doctoral dissertations (abstracts) submitted after 1 September 2022.

¹¹⁶ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹¹⁷ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹¹⁸ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹¹⁹ Quotation from R. Section 15 (1)-(2), Section 16 (1)-(10) omitted in this space – TN.

¹²⁰ Quotation from Nftv. vhr. Section 42 (5)-(6) omitted in this space – TN.

- (3) The Chair and members of the Assessment Committee, along with the substitute Chair and substitute members are appointed by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school.

Section 68

- (1) The official opponents are appointed by the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the decision of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The official opponents shall include at least one person who is not employed by the University, not including an employment status established specifically for this purpose. Only persons in the possession of academic degrees shall be eligible to serve as official opponents.
- (2) ¹²¹At the request of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, the two official opponents shall prepare written critiques of the doctoral dissertation within two months of their appointments. The opponents shall declare whether the conditions of the obtainment of the doctoral degree have been met and whether they recommend that dissertation be subject to a public disputation. The two-month period shall exclude the months of July and August.
- (3) ¹²²Upon the expiry of the two-month deadline provided for the preparation of a critique of the dissertation – provided that the critique is not submitted during that time – the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall ask the appointed official opponent to indicate whether the critique would be completed within the ensuing month.
- (4) In the event that the appointed official opponent fails to submit the critique before the expiry of the two-month deadline, and indicates that the critique is not expected to be completed within the ensuing month, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall withdraw the appointment of the opponent and turns the dissertation over to a new opponent.
- (5) In the event that a new opponent has to be appointed, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may choose to set a deadline shorter than the original for the preparation of the critique.
- (6) In the event that one of the two opponents does not recommend that the dissertation be subject to a public disputation, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall appoint a third opponent.
- (7) ¹²³In the event that two opponents do not recommend that the dissertation be subject to a public disputation, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall terminate the doctoral procedure.

Section 69

- (1) The Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall refer the doctoral dissertation to a public disputation within no less than 15 but no more than 60 days of its receipt of two supporting critiques. The period specified in this paragraph shall exclude the months of July and August, with the exception of the provisions in Section 64.
- (2) Notable experts and representatives of the given topic shall be invited to the disputation with the abstracts of the dissertation attached to the invitations. The list of invitees shall be determined by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council or the head of the doctoral school in accordance with the faculty doctoral regulations. After setting the date of the public disputation, the faculty office shall ensure that the dissertation is accessible to the public – in line with the methods prescribed by the faculty doctoral regulations – except in the case of closed disputations.
- (3) ¹²⁴The Doctoral Candidate, the Chair and members of the Assessment Committee and the official opponents must be present at the disputation in person. In the event that no substitute members are named or if they are named but unavailable, the Chair of the Assessment Committee can make a decision to hold the disputation in exceptionally

¹²¹ Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹²² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹²³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹²⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

justified cases if one of the opponents or one of the members of the Assessment Committee are not present. If the public disputation cannot be held due to an absence, the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall schedule the next public disputation for no less than 15 days later.

- (3a)¹²⁵ If, at the appointed time and place, the Doctoral Candidate or one or more members of the Assessment Committee are unable to appear in person, in professionally justified cases, with the permission of the Doctoral Disciplinary Council or, where delegated, the Chair of the Doctoral Disciplinary Council, the public disputation can also be held in the form of a hybrid or an online public disputation. In doing so, the Doctoral Candidate may be required to present their ID, which must be recorded in the minutes.
- (3b)¹²⁶ The Doctoral Candidate shall not use headphones or earphones while online. No one else may be present in the room where the Doctoral Candidate is located at the time of the disputation, which is to be ascertained by the Assessment Committee. To ensure publicity, the venue and date of the online public disputation, as well as how to log in and join, should also be announced.
- (4) The Doctoral Candidate shall receive the critiques at least 15 days prior to the public disputation. The Doctoral Candidate shall prepare a written response to the critiques before the disputation and shall provide a verbal response in the public disputation during the defence of the dissertation.
- (5) The Doctoral Candidate may present his/her abstracts within the framework of the public disputation or may maintain what is set forth in the abstracts and proceed to respond to the questions and comments of the opponents, members of the Assessment Committee and others present at the disputation. The disputation must also verify that the results of the dissertation are credible and the Student's own.
- (6) ¹²⁷Following the close of the disputation, the Assessment Committee shall decide on the qualification of the dissertation by secret ballot in a closed session. Following the vote the Chair of the Assessment Committee shall announce the result of the defence. The Assessment Committee may opt to hear the topic supervisor prior to its closed session. A secret ballot must also be made possible in the case of a hybrid or online disputation, if necessary, by use of IT tools.
- (7) The performance of the Doctoral Candidate shall be evaluated by each member of the Assessment Committee on a five-grade scale. The defence is deemed successful if the candidate acquires 60% of the total number of points. The qualification ("summa cum laude", "cum laude", "rite") of the successful defence is defined by the faculty doctoral regulations.
- (8) A minutes shall be prepared of the defence. The minutes prepared of the defence – containing the most important statements made during the defence – are accessible to the public. A copy of the minutes may only be viewed by a third party apart from the Doctoral Candidate by the submission of a written request and by paying a copy fee specified in the faculty regulations.
- (9) At the request of the Doctoral Candidate, the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall issue a verification of the qualification of the defence.
- (10) ¹²⁸The doctoral procedure shall be concluded within one year of the submission of the doctoral dissertation.

Section 70

- (1) ¹²⁹Pursuant to the provisions of the faculty doctoral regulations, the doctoral dissertation may also be submitted in a foreign language in the doctoral procedure, or the entire doctoral

¹²⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021

¹²⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021

¹²⁷ Last sentence enacted by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

¹²⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹²⁹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV.16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

procedure can be conducted in a foreign language. The decisions on the submission of the doctoral dissertation in a foreign language and conducting the critique procedure in a foreign language shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the request submitted by the Doctoral Candidate with the approval of the topic supervisor.

- (2) ¹³⁰In the case of a doctoral procedure conducted in a foreign language, every member of the Assessment Committee and the official opponents shall be required to have the foreign language competence necessary for assessing the Doctoral Candidate and evaluating the points made in the public disputation.
- (3) In the case of a form of international cooperation as specified in Sections 77-78 of the present Regulations, the provisions laid out in Sections 67-70 (1)-(2) shall be applied in harmony with the contents and provisions of the international agreements.

DECISION ON THE CONFERMENT OF THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

Section 71

- (1) ¹³¹Following the public defence, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall examine the doctoral procedure of the Doctoral Candidate. In the event that the council uncovers irregularities in the procedure, it shall act on the remedial of said irregularities.
- (2) The council, on the basis of a critique procedure conducted in accordance with the regulations, shall recommend the conferment and qualification of the doctoral degree, provided that the qualifications of the doctoral dissertation and the performance of the Doctoral Candidate in the public disputation are not “insufficienter”. Pursuant to the regulations on the evaluation and scoring of the degree, the qualification of the degree can be “summa cum laude”, “cum laude” or “rite”. The faculty doctoral regulations may prescribe that the result of the comprehensive examination be included in the qualification of the degree. In this case, the weight of the result of the comprehensive examination may not exceed 30% of the maximum score that can be given as part of the evaluation.
- (3) In the event that the qualification of the doctoral dissertation or the performance of the Doctoral Candidate in the public disputation is deemed “insufficienter”, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council can opt to terminate the doctoral procedure.

Section 72

- (1) The decision on the conferment of the doctoral degree shall be taken by the University Doctoral Council at the initiative of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (2) ¹³²Should the University Doctoral Council uncover a serious violation of the rules during the procedure which prevents a decision on the conferment of the doctoral degree, it shall return the recommendation of the conferment to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council for action, obligating it to,
 - a) remedy the deficiency in the procedure,
 - b) adequately repeat the part of the procedure that was conducted improperly.
- (3) ¹³³The University Doctoral Council shall rule on the conferment of the doctoral degree in its first session following the submission of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council’s recommendation and the full documentation of the doctoral procedure, but no later than within four months of the submission of the recommendation for conferment.
- (4) The University Doctoral Council must provide justification should it rule to reject the conferment of the doctoral degree.

¹³⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹³¹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹³² Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹³³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV.16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (5) The decision of the University Doctoral Council cannot be appealed unless it is found to be in violation of legislation or the university or faculty doctoral regulations.

REVOCATION OF THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

[...] ¹³⁴

Section 73

- (1) The University Doctoral Council, based on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, shall revoke the doctoral degree and the doctoral degree certificate within five years of its issuance if the certificate was obtained illicitly.
- (2) The University Doctoral Council, based on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, may revoke the doctoral degree and the doctoral degree certificate at any given time if the person who obtained the doctoral degree,
 - a) ¹³⁵is found to have provided false or forged verification of any of the conditions for the initiation of the doctoral procedure,
 - b) is found to have committed plagiarism in his/her doctoral dissertation or any of his/her academic publications assessed over the course of the doctoral procedure,
 - c) is found to have committed any of the actions specified in Section 95 of present regulations.
- (3) The principles and recommendations pertaining to the Code of Academic Ethics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences shall be applicable when assessing the case laid out in point b) of paragraph (2).

Section 74

- (1) In the event of a revocation of a doctoral degree, the University Doctoral Council shall notify the University Library of the revocation.
- (2) The University Library shall erase from its database the qualifications of the doctoral dissertation and the abstracts serving as the basis of the revoked doctoral degree and shall arrange for the erasing of said qualifications from the database of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
- (3) If the person whose doctoral degree was revoked requests the returning of the doctoral degree and the abstracts as well as the complete erasing of the library data on the works, the dissertation shall be returned to the applicant, the relevant library data shall be erased and the text of the dissertation and the abstracts shall be rendered inaccessible in the EDIT.

APPEALS IN THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE

Section 75

- (1) ¹³⁶The Doctoral Candidate may lodge an appeal to the University Doctoral Council against a ruling of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council which,
 - a) rejects the initiation of the doctoral procedure,
 - b) was made pertaining to the motions for exclusion,
 - c) terminates the doctoral procedure,
 - d) rejects a request for submission of the doctoral dissertation in a foreign language or conducting the doctoral procedure in a foreign language,
 - e) rejects a request for the postponement of the publication of the dissertation or for conducting a closed disputation.

¹³⁴ Quotation from Nftv. Article 52/A (1)-(7) omitted in this space – TN.

¹³⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹³⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

The appeal must be filed within 15 days of the issuance of the decision. The appeal shall be reviewed by the University Doctoral Council in its ensuing session. The decision of the University Doctoral Council on the appeal shall be binding.

- (2) The Doctoral Candidate or person in possession of a doctoral degree may appeal a decision that
 - a) rejects the conferment of the doctoral degree
 - b) revokes the doctoral degreeto the Rector or the University Doctoral Council within 15 days of its issuance citing a violation of legislation or the University or faculty regulations. The appeal shall be assessed by the Rector. The Rector's decision shall be non-appealable.
- (3) Further provisions to be applied in the assessment of appeals shall be the ones laid out in Chapter IX of the HKR.

THE PUBLICITY OF THE DOCTORAL ABSTRACTS AND DISSERTATIONS

[...] ¹³⁷

Section 76

- (1) The University Library shall store the printed versions of the doctoral dissertation and abstracts and shall ensure their accessibility. The doctoral dissertation may not be borrowed.
- (2) The Doctoral Candidate has until the conferment of the doctoral degree to request in writing that the doctoral dissertation not be published in the University Library until the publication of the Candidate's patent or copyright protection application indicated in the request. The decision on the request shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (3) If the Disciplinary Doctoral Council approves the request referred to in paragraph (2), or if the doctoral dissertation contains information classified for national security reasons, the University Library shall indicate in its catalogue that date on which the dissertation shall be made accessible. The University Library shall be obligated to take the necessary measures for the proper safekeeping of the doctoral dissertation and abstracts containing information classified for national security reasons until they are made accessible to the public.
- (4) The faculty office shall send the copy of the doctoral dissertation and abstracts referred to in paragraph (1) to the University Library within 15 following the conferment of the doctoral degree. In the event that the Disciplinary Doctoral Council decides to postpone the publication of the dissertation and the abstracts for reasons specified in paragraphs (2)-(3), the decision of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall be attached to the dissertation and abstracts.
- (5) ¹³⁸The University Library shall publish the doctoral dissertation and abstracts of the person on whom the doctoral degree has been conferred in the EDIT – except in the cases specified in paragraphs (3) and (6)-(7) – and shall upload the details of the dissertation and abstracts into the bibliographic database of the HAS and shall arrange the linking of the EDIT and the database with regards to the dissertation and the abstracts.
- (6) ¹³⁹If the author of the doctoral dissertation enters into a publishing agreement (or acquires a declaration of intent for publishing) regarding the dissertation during the doctoral procedure or before the conferment of the doctoral degree, and does not wish that the dissertation be published in the EDIT in consideration of the publication of the dissertation as a printed work or e-book, the author shall notify the faculty office and the University Library of this in a statement with an attached copy of the publishing agreement within 15

¹³⁷ Quotation from Nftv. Article 53/A (1)-(3) omitted in this space – TN.

¹³⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

¹³⁹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

business days after the publication of the decision on the conferment of the doctoral degree on the University's website.

(7) Doctoral dissertations that are classified in accordance with paragraph (3) shall be published within 15 business days of the announcement of the patent or copyright protection application or within 15 days after the expiry of the confidentiality of the dissertation.

(8) ¹⁴⁰If the printed and electronic versions of the doctoral dissertation are not identical in spite of the Candidate's statement on the "Declaration Form" referred to in Section 62, the

University Library shall promptly notify the person in charge of the secretarial tasks of the University Doctoral Council at the Directorate for Educational Affairs of the identified discrepancies. The administrator of the Directory of Educational Affairs shall initiate the elimination of the discrepancy at the relevant faculty office. The doctoral degree cannot be conferred on the author of the dissertation until he/she does not eliminate the discrepancy between the printed and electronic versions of the dissertation, in line with the statement on the "Declaration Form".

(9) In the event that critique procedure concludes without a conferment of the doctoral degree, the faculty office shall delete the relevant doctoral dissertation and its abstracts from the EDIT within 15 business days of the receipt of the decision indicating the conclusion of the critique procedure.

In the event that the doctoral dissertations and abstracts are not uploaded to the EDIT prior to the conferment of the doctoral degree on the basis of international cooperation agreements specified in Sections 77-78 of present regulations, the provisions specified in Section 62 (4)-(6) and in paragraphs (5)-(9) of the present Section shall be applied as appropriate following the decision on the conferment of the doctoral degree.

JOINT DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES

JOINT DOCTORAL PROGRAMME WITH A FOREIGN UNIVERSITY

Nftv. Article 78 (1) Hungarian higher education institutions may deliver off-site programmes outside the territory of Hungary, as set out in the applicable government decree, if the law of the given country allows it. Article 67(4) shall apply to the registration of such programmes.

(2) The Hungarian state may provide contribution to the operation of the higher education institutions referred to in paragraph (1) in the form of funding, as set out in the applicable law, pursuant to an international agreement, in accordance with a work plan, through a call for applications or under an agreement. It shall be the Minister who announces the call for application or concludes the agreement.

(3) A Hungarian higher education institution and a foreign higher education institution may offer a joint programme leading to the award of a Hungarian diploma and a foreign diploma or a joint diploma if all of the following conditions are fulfilled:

a) the higher education institutions involved qualify as state-recognised higher education institutions in their respective home states,

b) the awarded diploma qualifies as a higher education diploma pursuant to the national laws of the countries concerned,

c) both the Hungarian and the foreign higher education institutions are authorised to launch programmes in a field of study or discipline that can be considered as equivalent to the field of study or discipline in which the joint programme covered by the agreement is launched,

d)

e) ¹⁴¹

(4) In the case of programmes defined in paragraph (3), the authorisation of the operation of the foreign higher education in Hungary shall not be necessary.

(5) The educational authority shall register the agreement and the programme in accordance with the general rules applicable to launching programmes.

¹⁴⁰ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁴¹ Repealed by Act XXXIII of 2020 Article 26 point 4. Repealed: 31 July 2020.

Joint Doctoral Programme

Section 77

Doctoral schools may organise joint doctoral programmes with foreign universities aimed at the joint training of students enrolled in the programme, the exchange of professors, joint topic supervision as well as the issuance of joint degrees or double degrees. Provisions laid out in Section 18 of present regulations shall be applicable to the preparation and approval of joint doctoral programmes. Following the decision of the Senate on the approval of the joint doctoral programme, the Rector shall sign a cooperation agreement on the joint doctoral programme with the foreign university partnering in the programme. The joint doctoral programme may be launched following the registration of the cooperation agreement and programme in the registry referred to in Nftv. Article 78 (5).

Joint Doctoral Programme of Individual Students (Co-tutelle)

Section 78

- (1) On the basis of the recommendation of the University Doctoral Council, the Rector may enter into a framework agreement with the foreign university on providing a co-tutelle doctoral programme for individual students.
- (2) At the request of the Doctoral Student and his/her topic supervisor, the Rector may enter into an agreement on the joint doctoral training of individual students – even without a co-tutelle framework agreement – if the Disciplinary Doctoral Council recommends the signing of the agreement to the Rector based on the draft agreement.
- (3) The agreement can only be signed if the doctoral degree to be obtained on the basis of the agreement fulfils the criteria laid out in present Regulations as well as the criteria laid out in the faculty doctoral regulations.
- (4) The agreement shall cover the rules of the academic programme, the duration and scheduling of the programmes of the two universities, the rules pertaining to enrolment, finances, options for the suspension or termination of the doctoral studies, the special regulations of the doctoral procedure, the language of the doctoral dissertation and abstracts and the rules pertaining to the issuance of the certificate verifying the obtainment of the doctoral degree.
- (5) A Hungarian language copy of the framework agreement referred to in paragraph (1) and the agreement referred to in paragraph (2) shall also be drafted. The model agreement shall be regulated by Rector's Order¹⁴². The final agreement may only diverge from the model agreement on the basis of a foreign legislation pertaining to the other contracting party. The signed framework agreement or contract shall be registered with the Educational Authority by the Directory of Educational Affairs of the Chancellery.

PARTIAL STUDIES

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Nftv. Article 42 (1) Students

a) may apply for guest student status at another higher education institution in order to pursue partial studies related to the programme pursued at the home institution,

b) may apply for transfer to another programme within the same or a related field of study, offered by the same or another higher education institution.

(2) Higher education institutions may, without carrying out an admission procedure, admit persons who are not students of the higher education institution and hold a tertiary degree to any course or module of

¹⁴² Rector's Order 4/2022. (VII.25.)

¹⁴³ Quotation from Nftv. Article 108 point 30 omitted in this space – TN.

a programme offered, for the purpose of completing only that part of the programme, and may grant student status to such persons, who shall finance their studies themselves. The institution shall be required to issue a micro-certificate pertaining to the academic performance which shall also contain the course description from its education system. The completed course or module may be validated in accordance with the rules of credit transfer.

(3) The conditions for accepting the applications referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be defined by the receiving higher education institution.

(4) If the application for admission or transfer to a higher education institution has been accepted, a student status may be acquired by enrolment after the decision on admission or transfer has become final, undertaking the obligations defined in Article 43 (2).

(5) As long as student status exists, no further enrolment is needed. Students are required to register for academic terms, before the start thereof, in accordance with the rules of the higher education institution. Students who have failed to fulfil their payment obligations in due time shall not be allowed to register.

(6) With the exceptions laid down in the relevant decree of the Government, the transfer referred to in point b) of paragraph (1) shall be approved only if the new programme leads to the same degree in the case of a Bachelor's programme or a single-cycle Master's programme provided that the student has obtained 30 credits at the earlier institution.

Partial Studies at a Domestic University

Section 79

- (1) The Student may pursue partial studies (e.g. registration for courses, conducting research, lecturing) at another doctoral school of the University or at another domestic higher education institution by acquiring visiting student status and may also obtain academic (training), research or lecturing credits.
- (2) The Doctoral Student may take part in partial studies based on a course registration request and work programme recommended by the topic supervisor and approved by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (3) Credits obtained during the partial studies can be recognised based on an inter-institutional credit-equivalence agreement, the preliminary approval of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council as specified in paragraph (2) or the provisions of legislation prescribing the recognition of the credits. The decision on the recognition of the credits obtained in partial studies shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the request of the Student approved by the topic supervisor.
- (4) The course materials provided by the two universities shall be considered equivalent if there is at least a 75% match in the materials. The degree of equivalence between the course materials of the two universities shall be assessed by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council in consideration of the opinion of the council of the doctoral school.

Partial Studies at a Foreign Higher Education Institution

Section 80

- (1) The Student may also pursue partial studies abroad. As part of the partial studies, based on a work programme approved by the topic supervisor, the Student may take part in a programme which is in line with the Student's academic and research plan and ensures that the studies pursued abroad can be recognised along the curriculum of the doctoral school. The duration of the partial studies programme conducted abroad shall count towards the duration of the domestic doctoral programme and does not establish the suspension of the student status. The Student shall register for the given academic term in person during the course of his/her programme abroad, or shall authorise a representative to register in his/her place.
- (2) The decision on the approval of the Student's pursuit of partial studies abroad shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school, which shall be made on basis of the Student's request and work programme approved by the topic supervisor.

- (3) The Student's grades in his/her completed courses shall also be requested to be converted into ECTS-grades by the foreign university.

Recognition of Previous Achievements

Section 81

- (1) Participation in training, research or lecturing activities that fall outside the framework of the doctoral programme but are compatible with the programme, as well all publications published prior to the application to the doctoral programme shall qualify as previous achievements.
- (2) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council – on the basis of the recommendation of the doctoral school – may recognise these credits, verified to have been obtained throughout the Student's academic career, as credits awarded in the doctoral programme.

Section 82

The details of the rules on the pursuit of partial studies at home and abroad, the maximum number of credits obtainable in the partial studies as well as the rules on the recognition of previous achievements and the number of training, research and lecturing credits that can be obtained with their recognition, shall be specified in the faculty doctoral regulations.

THE DOCTORAL CERTIFICATE AND THE CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF DOCTOR (PHD)

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[...]¹⁴⁵

Section 83

- (1) ¹⁴⁶The doctoral certificate shall be issued in Hungarian and English, in Hungarian and – in the case of a national minority programme – the national minority language, or in Hungarian and the language of the doctoral programme.
- (2) ¹⁴⁷At the request of the recipient of the doctoral degree, for a fee, a Latin-language decorative certificate shall also be issued.
- (3) ¹⁴⁸
- (4) The certificate shall include,
 - a) the name and higher education identifier code of the University,
 - b) the coat of arms of the University,
 - c) ¹⁴⁹the name, birth name, date and place of birth (country, place) of the certificate's holder,
 - d) the name of the given academic discipline and specialisation,
 - e) the title and qualification of the doctoral degree,
 - f) the place and date of issue of the certificate,
 - g) the seal of the university with the coat of arms of Hungary.
- (4) The sample text of the certificate is contained in Annex 2 of present Regulations.
- (5) The certificate shall be signed by the Rector of the University and the Chair of the University Doctoral Council.

¹⁴⁴ Quotation from Nftv. Article 51 (5)-(6), Section 52 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁴⁵ Quotation from Nftv. Vhr. Section 35 (1)-(2), Section 46 (9) omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁴⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

¹⁴⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

¹⁴⁸ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Repealed from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

¹⁴⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

- (6) ¹⁵⁰The tasks related to the issuance of the forms of security concerning the doctoral degrees along with the tasks related to the issuance of the doctoral certificate shall be carried out by the Directorate for Educational Affairs.

Section 84

- (1) Persons who have obtained the doctoral degree shall be awarded the title of doctor in by the Rector and the heads (and representatives) of the faculties in a graduation ceremony.
- (2) The Candidates shall be present at the doctoral conferment ceremony in person where they shall take an oath defined in Annex 3. Only persons who have taken the oath shall be allowed to use the title of doctor.
- (3) The doctoral conferment ceremony shall be set by the Directory of Educational Affairs of the Chancellery for a date falling no later than within six months of the issuance of the decision conferring the title of doctor.
- (4) In cases in merit of special equity, at individual request, the Rector may approve an individual conferment ceremony, as distinct from the provision specified in paragraph (1).

CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE OF ‘DOCTOR WITH HONOURS’

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Section 85

- (1) The conferment of the title of “Doctor with Honours” shall be requested by the Doctoral Candidate in the form of a written request submitted to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council within 15 days following the date of the public disputation. Official copies of the documents verifying the fulfilment of the criteria laid out in Section 18 (1)-(3) of R. shall be attached to the request.
- (2) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall refer the request to the University Doctoral Council complete with its recommendation for the conferment of the doctoral degree.
- (3) ¹⁵³If all criteria are met and the conferment of the doctoral degree is approved, the Rector – at the initiative of the Chair of the University Doctoral Council – shall initiate the conferment of the title of “Doctor with Honours” with the minister in charge of higher education.
- (4) ¹⁵⁴The costs of the conferment of the title of “Doctor with Honours” shall be covered by the Directorate for Educational Affairs.

REGISTERS OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND DOCTORS

Section 86

- (1) The details of the applicants to the doctoral programme shall be handled by the doctoral school and the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (2) The faculty register of Doctoral Students, which contains every event of the Doctoral Student’s training, shall be managed by the faculty offices through the Electronic Registration System.

¹⁵⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁵¹ Quotation from Nftv. Article 52 (8) omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁵² Quotation from R. Section 18 (1)-(4), 19 (1)-(4) omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁵³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁵⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (3) ¹⁵⁵The university register of doctors (official register of doctors), which contains details of all events of the doctoral procedure, shall be managed by the Directorate of Educational Affairs.

DOCTORAL STUDENT BURSARIES AND FEES

[...] ¹⁵⁶

Section 87

- (1) Titles under which Doctoral Students may be awarded bursaries are contained in the HKR in the chapter on student bursaries and services.
- (2) The sums of the tuition fees payable in the doctoral school shall be determined by the faculties and published in their admission guidelines.
- (3) ¹⁵⁷The tuition fee must be paid by the deadline specified in the various faculty doctoral regulations, but by no later than 31 October (31 March).
- (4) In the event of a default on the payment of the tuition fee, the faculty office shall demand payment from the Student in question within one month of the default. Should the Student fail to comply with the demand, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council – after evaluating the social conditions of the Student, if the Student’s social conditions do not warrant a further delay in payment – shall initiate the termination of the student status with the Dean of the relevant faculty.
- (5) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council may request information from the Student for its assessment of the Student’s social conditions. If the Student fails to supply the requested information within the specified deadline or if the Student rejects the supply of information, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall initiate the termination of his/her student status without further investigation.
- (6) ¹⁵⁸The titles and sums of the charges and special administrative fees payable by the Doctoral Students – with the exception of the fee payable for the retake comprehensive examination – shall be defined by the HKR.
- (7) ¹⁵⁹The sums of the charges and special administrative fees shall be given as rounded to the nearest hundred.

Section 88

- (1) The fees payable for the comprehensive examination and the procedure for the national recognition of degrees obtained abroad shall be defined in Annex 4 of present Regulations.
- (2) ¹⁶⁰Honoraria shall be payable to members of the comprehensive examination committee and persons contributing to the doctoral procedure who are not employed by the University. The sums of the honoraria are specified in the faculty doctoral regulations.

Section 89

- (1) The University may enter into agreements with natural or legal persons for the purpose of supporting the doctoral programmes or establishing scholarships to be awarded to the Doctoral Students.
- (2) Scholarships established in accordance with paragraph (1) may only be awarded to persons who have a Doctoral Student status with the University.

¹⁵⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁵⁶ Quotation from Nftv. Article 81 (1)-(5), Section 82 (1)-(4), Section 83 (1)-(5) omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁵⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁵⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁵⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁶⁰ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (3) Decisions on the awarding of scholarships established in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be made by the founder of the relevant scholarship on basis of the definition of the scholarship's recipient(s) and the rules for awarding the scholarship.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF DEGREES OBTAINED ABROAD

[...] ¹⁶¹

Section 90

- (1) The national recognition of academic degrees obtained abroad can be requested in the study period via the submission of application form found in Annex 5 of present Regulations to the Chair of the relevant Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (2) The request may only be filed for the academic disciplines listed in Annex 1 of the Regulations.
- (3) Attachments to the request shall include:
 - a) a copy of the original doctoral certificate,
 - b) an official copy of a document issued by the foreign higher education institution (e.g. transcript, grade book) which provides authentic verification of the duration of the doctoral training and the successful completion of the academic requirements for the obtainment of the doctoral degree,
 - c) proof of payment of the fee payable for the nostrification procedure,
 - d) ¹⁶²proof of language proficiency required for the doctoral procedure.
- (4) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council may ask for an official translation of the documents listed in points a)-c) of paragraph (3) if the original documents were not issued in English, German or French and if the faculty cannot provide a lecturer or researcher who can assess the contents of the documents,
- (5) If the authenticity or the legal validity of the foreign certificate cannot be determined, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may suspend the nostrification procedure and ask the applicant to submit a doctoral certificate that was authenticated by a competent authority in the country of the registered office of the institution that issued the certificate.
- (6) The faculty doctoral regulations may prescribe that the Student shall attach to the request the thesis that served as the basis for the conferment of the given academic degree in its original language. If the work was written in a language on the basis of which the doctoral council is unable to take a decision on its national recognition, it may ask for an official supply of the work.
- (7) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall put forth its recommendation in accordance with the procedure laid out in the faculty doctoral regulations.
- (8) The University Doctoral Council shall decide on the national recognition of the degree in question based on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (9) The nationally recognised degree shall not receive a qualification.
- (10) Provisions on the publicity of the doctoral dissertation and abstracts laid out in Section 62 and Section 76 of present Regulations shall also be applied as appropriate in the nostrification process and in the cases of nationally recognised degrees obtained abroad.

THE USE OF THE STATE SUBSIDIES AND INCOMES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Section 91

¹⁶¹ Quotation from Etv. Section 1 (1), Section 2 (1)-(2), (4), Section 3 (1), Section 4 (3), Section 5 (1), Section 6 (1)-(3), Govt Decree 33/2008 (II. 21) Section 5/C, Section 5/G (1), Section 5/H, Etv. Section 9, Section 15 omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁶² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (1) ¹⁶³Faculties taking part in the doctoral programme shall prepare a professional report on the year preceding the reference year.
- (2) ¹⁶⁴
- (3) The report shall be submitted to the Chair of the University Doctoral Council by 31 March of each year. The report shall be included on the agenda of the ensuing session of the University Doctoral Council.

THE 'DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA' AND 'DOCTOR ET PROFESSOR HONORIS CAUSA' TITLES

[...] ¹⁶⁵

Section 92

- (1) The University shall recognise academic achievements with the conferment of the title of “doctor et professor honoris causa” and other individual achievements with the conferment of the title of “doctor honoris causa”.
- (2) The holder of the title of “doctor et professor honoris causa” shall be entitled to give lectures and hold courses in his/her field in Bachelor’s, Master’s and – if the necessary requirements are met (possession of doctoral degree, receipt of request from the head of the doctoral school) – doctoral programmes.

Section 93

- (1) The University shall confer the title of “doctor et professor honoris causa” on no more than 8 persons a year.
- (2) Each faculty organising doctoral programmes shall be entitled to nominate one person for the title of “doctor et professor honoris causa” a year. The Rector may initiate the conferment of the title on one additional Hungarian citizen and one additional person with a foreign citizenship with the relevant faculty council.
- (3) The conferment of the title of “doctor et professor honoris causa” shall be proposed to the Senate by the faculty council. The Senate shall decide on the conferment of the title after seeking out the opinion of the University Doctoral Council.

Section 94

The decision on the conferment of the title of “doctor honoris causa”, in consideration of the relevant initiatives, shall be made by the Senate based on the recommendation of the Rector after seeking out the opinion of the University Doctoral Council.

Section 95

- (1) Persons holding the title of “doctor honoris causa” can be deemed unworthy of the title if they have been convicted in a binding ruling of a criminal offence in a due process conforming to the conditions and standards of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights. The title conferred on a person who has been deemed unworthy of it may be revoked.
- (2) The Rector and the faculty councils shall be eligible to recommend the revocation of the title of “doctor honoris causa”. The recommendation shall be made with a detailed justification.

¹⁶³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV.16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁶⁴ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Repealed 13 December 2021.

¹⁶⁵ Quotation from R. Section 20 omitted in this space – TN.

- (3) The holder of the title of “doctor honoris causa” shall be sent a copy of the proposal for the revocation of the title and shall be provided an opportunity to preliminarily acquit himself/herself either in person, in writing or through a representative. The holder of the title shall have three months from the date of delivery to respond to the revocation.
- (4) Following the receipt of the response of the title holder referred to in paragraph (3) or in absence of a response, following the expiry of the deadline specified in paragraph (3), the Senate shall take a decision on the revocation of the title, taking into account the opinion of the University Doctoral Council.

TRANSITIONAL AND CLOSING PROVISIONS

[...] ¹⁶⁶

Section 96

- (1) The present Regulations – with the exception of the provision in paragraph (4) – shall enter into effect on 1 September 2016 and concurrently, the Doctoral Regulations established by Senate Resolution CCXLVIII/2013. (VII. 1.) of the Senate of Eötvös Loránd University shall be repealed along with its amendments.
- (2) The provisions laid out in the present Regulations shall be applied, in a phasing-out system, to the Doctoral Students admitted to the doctoral programme in the 2016/2017 academic year. Under the present Regulations, as of the 2016/2017 academic year, the University shall not admit students to the part-time correspondence-based doctoral programme. In the case of students who enrolled in the doctoral programme prior to the 2016/2017 academic year and students who have a Doctoral Candidate status, the laws, University and faculty doctoral regulations and doctoral school organisational and operational regulations that were in effect at the time of their enrolment or establishment of their Doctoral Candidate status shall apply to said students.
- (3) The provisions of the present Regulations pertaining to the doctoral nostrification procedure shall only be applied in procedures launched after the Regulations’ entry into force.
- (4) Annexes 1-3 or present Regulations shall enter into effect on the day that the Regulations are published on the website of ELTE. The annexes shall also be applied in pending procedures and matters.

Section 97

- (1) Persons who obtained doctoral pre-degree certificates before the entry into force of the present Regulations may initiate the commencement of the doctoral procedure and the establishment of the Doctoral Candidate status within 10 years of the entry into force of these Regulations in accordance with the laws and regulations effective at the time of their enrolment in the doctoral programme.
- (2) The 10-year time frame specified in paragraph (1) shall be counted from the date of the obtainment of the pre-degree certificate in the case of students who enrolled in the doctoral programme prior to the 2016/2017 academic year but have not yet obtained a pre-degree certificate.
- (3) Upon the expiry of the deadlines specified in paragraphs (1)-(2), the rules pertaining to the establishment of the Doctoral Candidate status and the obtainment of the doctoral degree in the cases of the persons specified in these paragraphs shall be the same as the rules applying to comprehensive exam applicants without preliminary doctoral training.

¹⁶⁶ Quotation from R. Section 26 (6) omitted in this space – TN.

Section 97/A¹⁶⁷

- (1) The amendments to the Doctoral Regulations adopted by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023 (26.VI.) shall enter into force on 27 June 2023.
- (2) In ongoing doctoral procedures and in the case of doctoral students who began their doctoral studies before the amendment referenced in paragraph (1) entered into force, foreign language proficiency requirements introduced by the present amendment shall apply if they are less stringent than the previous requirements.
- (3) For doctoral candidates who pursued their doctoral studies and obtained a pre-degree certificate under the Doctoral Regulations in force before 1 September 2016 and who begin the doctoral procedure in accordance with Section 97 (1)-(2) of the Doctoral Regulations, foreign language proficiency requirements introduced by the present amendment shall apply if they are less stringent than the previous requirements.

Budapest, 27 June, 2016

Dr. Barna Mezey
Rector

¹⁶⁷ Enacted by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

ANNEX 1

CLASSIFICATION OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES ORGANISED AT EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY AND OBTAINABLE DOCTORAL DEGREES BY SCIENTIFIC BRANCH/ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Law

The Doctoral School of Law – academic discipline of Law

The Doctoral School of Political Science – academic discipline of Politics

¹⁶⁸**The Faculty of Economics**

The Doctoral School of Business and Management – academic discipline of Business and Management Studies

The Faculty of Social Sciences

The Doctoral School of Sociology – academic discipline of Sociology

THE FIELD OF HUMANITIES

The Faculty of Humanities

The Doctoral School of Philosophy – academic discipline of Philosophy

The Doctoral School of Literary Studies – academic discipline of Literary and Cultural Studies

The Doctoral School of Linguistics – academic discipline of Linguistics

The Doctoral School of History – academic discipline of History

The Faculty of Education and Psychology

The Doctoral School of Education – academic discipline of Education

The Doctoral School of Psychology – academic discipline of Psychology

THE FIELD OF ENGINEERING

The Faculty of Informatics

The Doctoral School of Informatics – academic discipline of Information Science and Technology

THE FIELD OF NATURAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Sciences

The Doctoral School of Biology – academic discipline of Biology

The Doctoral School of Physics – academic discipline of Physics

The Doctoral School of Earth Sciences – academic discipline of Earth Sciences

The György Hevesy Doctoral School of Chemistry – academic discipline of Chemistry¹⁶⁹

The Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences – academic discipline of Environmental Science

The Doctoral School of Mathematics – academic discipline of Mathematics and Computer Sciences

¹⁶⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

¹⁶⁹ Name established by Senate resolution XCIII/2018. (IV. 16.) Effective April 17, 2018

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES AND THEIR FIELDS	
Law	Law Criminology Doctorate in Global and Cultural Criminology (DCGC)
Politics	
Philosophy	Analytic Philosophy
	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
	¹⁷⁰ Modern Philosophy
	Aesthetics
	Phenomenology
	Hermeneutics
	¹⁷¹ Intercultural Philosophy
	Logic and Philosophy of Science
	¹⁷² Ethics and Political Philosophy
	Film, Media and Culture Theory
	Art History
	¹⁷³ Religious Studies
Literary and Cultural Studies	English and American Literature
	French Literature
	Dutch Literature
	Literary Theory
	Comparative Literature
	Library and Information Science
	¹⁷⁴ Spanish Literatures
	History of Hungarian Literature
	Literatures in German
	Italian Literature
	Russian and Slavic Literatures
	Scandinavian Literature
	Folklore and Literature of the Uralic Peoples
	Portuguese and Brazilian Literature
	Hungarian and Comparative Folklore
Education	¹⁷⁵ Adult Learning and Education
	¹⁷⁶ Theoretical and Historical Pedagogy
	¹⁷⁷ Special Education
	¹⁷⁸ Early Childhood Education
	¹⁷⁹ Culture, Diversity and Education
	Educational Research
	Language Pedagogy
	¹⁸⁰ Education-Learning-Inequalities
	¹⁸¹ Teacher Education and Higher Education Studies
	¹⁸² Sports and Health Education

170 Amended by Senate resolution CCVII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

171 Enacted by Senate resolution CCVII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

172 Amended by Senate resolution CCVII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

173 Enacted by Senate resolution CCVII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

174 Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27 2023.

175 Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

176 Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

177 Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

178 Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

179 Enacted by Senate Resolution CXII/2022. (VI. 29.). Effective: June 28, 2022.

180 Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

181 Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

182 Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

	¹⁸³ Subject Pedagogies
	¹⁸⁴ Learning, Instruction and Subject Pedagogies
Linguistics	English Linguistics
	Applied Linguistics
	Arabic Studies
	¹⁸⁵ Buddhist Philology
	Theoretical Linguistics
	Translation Studies
	German Linguistics
	¹⁸⁶ Indian Studies
	Iranian Studies
	Cognitive Linguistics
	Japanese Studies
	¹⁸⁷ Korean Studies
	Hungarian Linguistics
	Mongolian Linguistics
	¹⁸⁸ Language Pedagogy and English Applied Linguistics
	Ancient Studies
	Russian Linguistics
	Romance Studies
	Sinology
	Scandinavian Linguistics
	Slavic Linguistics
	Intercultural Linguistics
	Turkic Studies
	Uralic Languages and Linguistics
Psychology ¹⁸⁹	¹⁹⁰ People-Environment Transaction
	Developmental and Clinical Child Psychology
	Clinical Psychology and Addictology
	Cognitive Psychology
	Behavioural Psychology
	Sports and Health Psychophysiology
	Personality and Health Psychology
	Socialisation and Social Processes
	¹⁹¹ Methodology
Sociology	Social Politics
	Sociology
	Interdisciplinary Social Research ¹⁹²
History ¹⁹³	Egyptology
	Interdisciplinary History ¹⁹⁴
	Economic and Social History
	Eastern European History
	Cultural History

¹⁸³ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

¹⁸⁴ Enacted by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

¹⁸⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27 2023.

¹⁸⁶ Enacted by Senate resolution CCXCVII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

¹⁸⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27 2023.

¹⁸⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

¹⁸⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

¹⁹⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

¹⁹¹ Enacted by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

¹⁹² Enacted by Senate resolution CCV/2017. (VI. 26.) on the amendment to Annex 1 of the University Doctoral Regulations.

¹⁹³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CCVI/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021

	Ancient History
	History of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey
	Archaeology
	20th Century Hungarian History
	19th Century Hungarian History
	20th Century World History
	19th Century World History
	Early Modern Hungarian History
	Medieval Hungarian History
	Early Modern World History
	Medieval World History
	Auxiliary Sciences
	Assyriology and Hebrew-Judaic Studies
	Russian Studies
	European Ethnology
Biology	Theoretical and Evolutionary Biology
	Systematics
	Ethology
	Ecology and Conservation Biology
	Neurobiology
	Physiology
	Psychophysiology
	Human Biology
	Immunology
	Plant Anatomy
	Plant Physiology
	Cell Biology
	Microbiology
	Biotechnology
	Classical and Molecular Genetics
	Molecular Cell Biology
	Molecular Neurobiology
	Structural Biochemistry
	Taxonomy
	Ecology
	Hydrobiology
Physics	Materials and Solid State Physics
	¹⁹⁵ Particle and Nuclear Physics
	Statistical Physics, Biological Physics and Physics of Quantum Systems
	Physics Education
	¹⁹⁶ Astronomy and Space Physics
Earth Sciences	Mineralogy
	Geology
	Petrology and Geochemistry
	Paleontology
	Hydrogeology
	Geophysics
	Meteorology
	Social Geography
	Physical Geography
	Cartography
Information Science and Technology	Informatics

¹⁹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

¹⁹⁶ Enacted by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

Chemistry	Analytical Chemistry
	¹⁹⁷ Materials Science
	Bioorganic Chemistry
	Electrochemistry
	Theoretical Chemistry
	Physical Chemistry
	Chemical Technology
	Colloid Chemistry
	Environmental Chemistry
	Nuclear Chemistry
	Polymer Chemistry
	Structural Chemistry
	Organic Chemistry
	Inorganic Chemistry
Mathematics and Computer Sciences	Applied Mathematics
	Pure Mathematics
	Didactics of Mathematics
Environmental Science	Environmental Biology
	Environmental Physics
	Environmental Chemistry
	Environmental Earth Sciences
Business and Management ¹⁹⁸	

¹⁹⁷Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27 2023.

¹⁹⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day the Educational Authority's resolution registering the doctoral programme of the Institute of Business Economics enters into force.

ANNEX 2¹⁹⁹

DOCTORAL (PHD) DEGREE CERTIFICATE SAMPLE TEXT

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DOCTORAL DEGREE CERTIFICATE

WE, THE RECTOR AND DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF EÖTVÖS LORÁND
UNIVERSITY WISH TO GREET THE READER.

IT IS THE WARRANT OF OUR PREDECESSORS AND OUR STATUTE
THAT ALL WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES
TO ACADEMIC STUDIES SHOULD BE GRANTED
THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THEMSELVES
AND THEIR QUALIFICATION IN PUBLIC.

Thus as

«NAME»

«BIRTH NAME»,

born in «PLACE OF BIRTH (country, place),

on «DAY», «MONTH», «YEAR», has proved beyond any doubt

«HIS/HER» learnedness and knowledge

in the field of

«DISCIPLINE»

«FIELD»

with the qualification «QUALIFICATION»,

we deem «HIM/HER» worthy of this prestigious degree and confer upon «HIM/HER»

the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

Empowered by law, we authorize «HIM/HER» to use the title of doctor (Ph.D.) from this day on.

In faith thereof we have affixed to this degree certificate the seal of the University

and our signature, and have issued it to «HIM/HER».

«DAY», «MONTH», «YEAR» in Budapest

Chair of the University's Doctoral Council

¹⁹⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

ANNEX 2/A²⁰⁰

LATIN-LANGUAGE DOCTORAL (PHD) DEGREE CERTIFICATE SAMPLE TEXT

DIPLOMA PROMOTIONIS

NOS, RECTOR ET ARBITRI PROMOTIONUM UNIVERSITATIS
DE ROLANDO EÖTVÖS NOMINATAE LECTURIS SALUTEM.

MAIORUM NOSTRORUM ET LEGUM INSTITUTUM EST,
UT QUI HONESTIS STUDIIS SEMET DEDERUNT,
ERUDITIONEM ET DOCTRINAM SUAM MANIFESTE
DEMONSTRARE ATQUE TESTIFICARI POSSINT.

Cum itaque «HĒ/SĒ»

«NAME»

«BIRTH NAME»,

«HIM/HĒR» «SZÜLHÉLY»

die «DAY» mensis «MONTH», anno Domini «YEAR» «HĒ/SĒ»,

se coram nobis

in «DISCIPLINE»

«FIELD»

sine ulla dubitatione «QUALIFICATION»

«HIM/HĒR» et doctum comprobasset,

propterea «HIM/HĒR» hoc honorifico scientiarum gradu

doctorem (PhD) pronuntiavimus et declaravimus

potestate e lege nobis data concedentes ei

ab hoc die ius titulo doctoris (PhD) utendi.

*In cuius rei fidem hoc diploma sigillo Universitatis nostrae munitum
atque subscriptionibus nostris roboratum ei dari curavimus.*

Datum Budapestini, die «DAY» mensis «MONTH», anno Domini «YEAR».

praeses arbitrorum promotionum Universitatis

²⁰⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

ANNEX 3

The Doctoral Oath

For Hungarian citizens:

I,, promise to honour the constitutional order and laws of Hungary, and to always show due respect for Eötvös Loránd University, its Rector Magnificus and Senate.

In this festive hour I pledge myself to the service of academia and truth and shall do my utmost to advance my academic field for the reputation of Eötvös Loránd University, the good of my fellow human beings and the honour of my people and country.

For non-Hungarian citizens:

I,, promise to always show due respect for Eötvös Loránd University, its Rector Magnificus and Senate.

In this festive hour I pledge myself to the service of academia and truth and shall do my utmost to advance my academic field for the reputation of Eötvös Loránd University and the good of my fellow human beings.

ANNEX 4

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND HONORARIA DUE TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROCEDURES

1. The fee payable for taking the comprehensive examination without preliminary doctoral training and the conducting of the habitus investigation shall be HUF 60,000. Of this fee, HUF 20,000 shall be payable for the application for the comprehensive examination and HUF 40,000 shall be payable for the habitus investigation. The habitus investigation shall be free of charge for applicants who are lecturers or researchers of the faculty in charge of organising the comprehensive examination. Such applicants shall only be liable to pay the comprehensive examination application fee. The applicant shall provide proof of having paid the fee simultaneously to his/her submission of the comprehensive examination application. The fee shall be non-refundable even in the event that the Disciplinary Doctoral Council rejects the comprehensive examination application.
2. The fee payable for the organisation the comprehensive examination in the case of students without preliminary doctoral training shall be HUF 100,000 which shall comprise the remuneration of those involved in the examination, the income of the faculties contributing to the organisation of the exam as well as the enrolment fee payable following a successful exam.
3. ²⁰¹The rules pertaining to the remuneration of those contributing to the organisation of the comprehensive examination and the doctoral procedure shall be defined in the faculty doctoral regulations.
4. The fee payable for the national recognition of certificates and degrees obtained abroad shall be the administrative fee determined by the Ministry of Human Resources Decree 12/2013 of February 12 on the administrative service fees applying to higher education and the public administrative procedures pertaining to the operation of the system of nationally-recognised language proficiency tests.

Ministry of Human Resources Decree 12/2013. (II. 12.) Section 5/A. (1) The sums of the administrative service fees payable for the administrative procedures regulated by Act C of 2001 on the national recognition of certificates and decrees obtained abroad (hereinafter: law on national recognition) shall be those specified in Annex 4.

(2) The client shall transfer the administrative service fee referred to in paragraph (1) to the bank account number of the competent authority specified in Annex 5 simultaneously to the initiation of the procedure.

(3) The administrative service fee paid in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) shall constitute a revenue for the competent authority.

(4) In the event that the client amends their request, resulting in a change in the administrative service fee payable, the client shall make up for the resulting difference in the service fee if the new fee payable is greater than the original fee or shall be refunded the difference if the new service fee is less than the original fee.

(5) The client shall be refunded the administrative service fee regulated by the present section if he/she withdraws his/her request prior to the issuance of a decision or an official certificate.

(6) The client shall be refunded the appeal fee if the reviewed first-instance decision is found to be either partially or fully in breach of the law to the detriment of the client.

Annex 4 to Ministry of Human Resources Decree 12/2013. (II. 12.)

	A	B	C
1.	Name of the procedure	Sum of the administrative service fee payable	
2.		First-instance procedure	Second-instance procedure
4.	Procedure in accordants with Parts III, IV and V of the Law on National Recognition	HUF 45,000	HUF 15,000

Annex 5 to Ministry of Human Resources Decree 12/2013. (II. 12.)

	A	B	C
1.	Authority in charge of national recognition	Account name	Account No.
26.	Eötvös Loránd University	Előirányzat-felhasználási keretszámla	Hungarian State Treasury, 10032000-01426201-00000000

²⁰¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

4.a. ²⁰²

5. ²⁰³A request for a duplicate of the doctoral certificate may be submitted in writing for a duty specified by Act XCIII of 1990 on Duties. For the issuance of the duplicate, the applicant shall pay a further HUF 10,000 to the Directorate for Educational Affairs.

²⁰² Repealed by Senate Resolution III/2023. (II. 08.). Repealed February 7, 2023.

²⁰³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.



ANNEX 5
APPLICATION FORMS²⁰⁴

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EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY
Comprehensive Exam Application Form for Students Taking Part in
a Programme Organised at a Doctoral School of ELTE²⁰⁵

I the undersigned hereby request permission to take the comprehensive exam in the academic discipline of _____ in the academic field of _____ at the Doctoral School of _____

Applicant's name:

Birth name:

Mother's maiden name:

Citizenship:

Place of birth (City/Country):

Year of birth:

Month:

Day:

ELTE Electronic Registration System identification code:

ID number if Electronic Registration System code not applicable:

Language of doctoral programme: HUN/foreign ([please specify] _____)
language

Doctoral programme type: State-financed/Self-financed:

Name of faculty (institution, research facility) handling applicant's doctoral programme:

Name, academic degree of topic supervisor:

Topic supervisor's place of employment:

²⁰⁶**Language of doctoral procedure:** HUN/foreign ([please specify] _____)

language

Doctoral topic:

Budapest,, 20...

**Applicant's
signature**

Please print or type the application form.

²⁰⁴ Doctoral (PhD) Programme Application form repealed by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV.16.). Effective April 17, 2020. The form is no longer in use starting with the admission procedure for the 2020/21 academic year.

²⁰⁵ Title amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

²⁰⁶ Amended by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.



EÖTVÖS LORÁND TUDOMÁNYEGYETEM
Comprehensive Exam Application Form for Students
Who Have Not Taken Part in a Programme
Organised at a Doctoral School of ELTE²⁰⁷

I the undersigned hereby request permission to take the comprehensive exam in the academic discipline of _____ in the academic field of _____ at the Doctoral School of _____.

I. Required fields:

Name:

Birth name:

Mother's maiden name:

Citizenship:

Place of Birth (City/County/Country):

Date of Birth:

ELTE Electronic Registration System identification code (for former ELTE students):

ID number if Electronic Registration System code not applicable:

For non-Hungarian citizens:

Residency type, number of the document entitling the residence or the document certifying the right of residence in the case of persons with the right of free movement and residence:

Permanent address (Country/Postal code/City/Address):

Correspondent address (Postal code/City/Address):

University (University name/City/Country):

University/MA/MSc/degree certificate no.:

Date of Issue:

Higher education qualifications, majors:

Language proficiency:

Language 1: Level/Type: Certificate no., Date of Issue:

²⁰⁷ Established by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

II. Optional fields****ID card number (if ELTE identifier applicable):****Permanent/Temporary residence permit/Passport number (if ELTE identifier applicable):****Phone number:****E-mail address:****Employer name:****Work address:****Work phone number:****Tax identification no.:****TAJ no.:****Bank account no.:****Are you eligible for GYES/GYED/GYET?*** Yes/No*

I declare under penalty of perjury that in case any of the above information is found to be false or untrue or misleading or misrepresenting, I am aware that I may be held liable for it.

Budapest,, 20...**Applicant's
signature**

Please print or type the application form.

**Filling out the fields under part II is not mandatory but the details will be useful in later administrative procedures. By signing this application form the applicant agrees to the University's handling of the details provided.



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EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY
²⁰⁸Application for initiating doctoral procedure

I the undersigned hereby request the initiation of the doctoral procedure in the academic discipline of _____ in the academic field of _____ at the Doctoral School of _____

I. Required fields:

Applicant's name:

Birth name:

Mother's maiden name:

Citizenship:

Place of birth (City/Country):

Year of birth:

Month:

Day:

ELTE Electronic Registration System identification code:

Home and correspondence address (if not recorded in the Student database or changed):

²⁰⁹Language proficiency:

Language 1:

Level/type:

Certificate no., Date of Issue:

Language 2:

Level/type:

Certificate no., Date of Issue:

Name of doctoral school (doctoral programme) to issue pre-degree certificate:

Pre-degree certificate date of issue:

Language of doctoral programme: HUN/foreign ([please specify]
) language*

Doctoral programme type: State-financed/Self-financed *

Name, academic degree of topic supervisor:

Topic supervisor's place of employment:

Language of doctoral procedure: HUN/foreign ([please specify]
) language

²⁰⁸ Amended by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

* Appropriate text applicable.

* Please underline.

²⁰⁹ Applicants with disabilities shall be subject to Section 58 (3) of the Doctoral Regulations.

Declaration:

I hereby declare that I do not have an ongoing doctoral procedure in the academic discipline of my doctoral dissertation, and that I have not had an unsuccessful defence of my doctoral dissertation within the last two years.

II. Optional fields **

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Employer name:

Work address:

Work phone number:

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EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY

Request for the national recognition of an academic degree obtained abroad as a PhD degree

I the undersigned hereby request the national recognition of my academic degree obtained abroad as a doctoral (PhD) degree in the academic discipline of _____ at Eötvös Loránd University.

I. Required fields:

Applicant's name:

Birth name:

Mother's maiden name:

Citizenship:

Place of birth (City/Country):

Year of birth:

Month:

Day:

ID (or permanent residence permit) number* :

Permanent address (Country/Postal Code/City/Address):

Place of residence/Correspondence address (Postal Code/City/Address):

Name, address of institution to issue university/MA/MSc/degree certificate:

**University/MA/MSc/degree certificate
no.:**

Date of Issue:

**Higher education qualifications,
major(s):**

²¹⁰Language proficiency:

Language 1:

Level/type:

Certificate no., DOI:

Language 2:

Level/type:

Certificate no., DOI:

Certificate no., DOI of degree certificate to be recognised nationally:

Name, address of institution to issue degree certificate:

Title of doctoral dissertation:

²¹⁰ Applicants with disabilities shall be subject to Section 58 (3) of the Doctoral Regulations. Footnote enacted by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April 2020.

*Please underline.

II. Optional fields:**

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Employer name:

Work address:

Work phone number:

I declare under penalty of perjury that in case any of the above information is found to be false or untrue or misleading or misrepresenting, I am aware that I may be held liable for it.

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**Applicant's
signature**

Please print or type the request.

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EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY

DECLARATION FORM for disclosure of a doctoral dissertation and indication of the DOI ID²¹¹

I. The data of the doctoral dissertation:

Name of the author:

MTMT-identifier:

Title and subtitle of the doctoral dissertation:

DOI-identifier²¹²:

Name of the doctoral school:

Name of the doctoral programme:

Name and scientific degree of the supervisor:

Workplace of the supervisor:

II. Declarations

1. As the author of the doctoral dissertation,²¹³

a) I agree to public disclosure of my doctoral dissertation after obtaining a doctoral degree in the storage of ELTE Digital Institutional Repository. I authorize, the administrator of the Office of the Doctoral School to upload the dissertation and the abstract to ELTE Digital Institutional Repository, and I authorize the administrator to fill all the declarations that are required in this procedure.

b) I request to defer public disclosure to the University Library and the ELTE Digital Institutional Repository until the date of announcement of the patent or protection. For details, see the attached application form,²¹⁴

c) I request in case the doctoral dissertation contains qualified data pertaining to national security, to disclose the doctoral dissertation publicly to the University Library and the ELTE Digital Institutional Repository ensuing the lapse of the period of the qualification process.;²¹⁵

²¹¹ Title amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The amended declaration form shall be applied in the cases of doctoral dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

²¹² Filled by the administrator of the faculty offices.

²¹³ The relevant part shall be underlined.

²¹⁴ Submitting the doctoral dissertation to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, the patent or protection application form and the request for deferment of public disclosure shall also be attached.

²¹⁵ Submitting the doctoral dissertation, the notarial deed pertaining to the qualified data shall also be attached.

d) ²¹⁶I request to defer public disclosure to the University Library and the ELTE Digital Institutional Repository, in case there is a publishing contract concluded during the doctoral procedure or up until the award of the degree. However, the bibliographical data of the work shall be accessible to the public. If the publication of the doctoral thesis will not be carried out within a year from the award of the degree subject to the publishing contract, I agree to the public disclosure of the doctoral thesis and abstract to the University Library and the ELTE Digital Institutional Repository.²¹⁷

2. As the author of the doctoral dissertation, I declare that

a) the doctoral dissertation and abstract uploaded to the ELTE Digital Institutional Repository are entirely the result of my own intellectual work and as far as I know, I did not infringe anyone's intellectual property rights.;

b) the printed version of the doctoral dissertation and the abstract are identical with the doctoral dissertation files (texts and diagrams) submitted on electronic device.

3. As the author of the doctoral dissertation, I agree to the inspection of the dissertation and the abstract by uploading them to a plagiarism checker software.

4. ²¹⁸As the author of the doctoral dissertation, I declare that where possible I have specified the DOI IDs of the documents listed in the bibliography for the dissertation and the abstracts.

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Signature of dissertation author

²¹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April 2020.

²¹⁷ Submitting the doctoral dissertation, the publishing contract shall also be attached.

²¹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The provision shall be applied in the cases of doctoral dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

ANNEX 6/1
FACULTY DOCTORAL REGULATIONS OF THE FACULTY OF LAW

DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Section 1

The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University shall elect the members of the Doctoral Council of Law and Political Science (hereinafter: Disciplinary Doctoral Council) established by the University Doctoral Council for the management of the affairs of the Doctoral School of Law and the Doctoral School of Political Science and tasks pertaining to the doctoral programme and conferment of the doctoral degree and for the performance of the functions laid out in legislation, the present regulations and the faculty doctoral regulations. The mandate of the members of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council – with the exception of those representing Doctoral Students – shall cease on 31 December subsequent to the expiry of the mandate of the Faculty Council which elected them.

Section 2

- (1) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall consist of thirteen members. The members of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall officially include the head of the Doctoral School of Law and the head of the Doctoral School of Political Science. Two of the members of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall be persons not employed by the University in possession of an academic degree who meet the requirements pertaining to core members of the doctoral schools of the faculty (including professors emeritus recognised as core members). One member of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall be elected by the Doctoral Student Union in accordance with the Bylaws of the student union.
- (2) Further members of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may be faculty lecturers who meet the requirements pertaining to core members of the doctoral schools of the faculty (including professors emeritus recognised as core members). Recommendations for members of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may be made by core members of the doctoral school law and core members of the doctoral school of political science. The persons who receive the most recommendations – if they are approved – shall be officially recommended to the Faculty Council by the Dean. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall be elected by the Faculty Council from among the members of the council. The Deputy Chair shall carry out the tasks assigned to him/her by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council and the Chair of the council and substitute for the Chair in the event that the Chair is unavailable.

Section 3

- (1) The mandate of the members of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall cease upon:
 - a) the expiry of the mandate
 - b) resignation
 - c) the expiry of the student status or mandate in the case of a member representing Doctoral Students
 - d) the recall of the member on grounds defined in Section 5 paragraphs (2)-(4) of the present regulations

- e) death of the member

Decisions on recalls are to be made by the Faculty Council based on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.

(2) In the event that the mandate of a member of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall cease before the expiry of the mandate, the Faculty Council shall elect a new member in their place or the Doctoral Student Union shall delegate a new member for the remainder of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council's term.

Section 4

Apart from the authority and functions laid out in Section 11 of the present regulations, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall

- a) organise and oversee the faculty's doctoral schools, ensure constant cooperation among the doctoral schools, the faculty and the University Doctoral Council,
- b) elect the Doctoral Council of the Doctoral School of Law and the Doctoral School of Political Science and recommend it for approval by the University Doctoral Council,
- c) approve the identities of the lecturers, topic announcers and supervisors of the doctoral school based on the recommendation of the council of the doctoral schools,
- d) ²¹⁹make recommendations on the core members of the doctoral schools and the conferment of the title of "Emeritus (emerita) core member",
- e) report to the University Doctoral Council on the use of the financial assets of the doctoral programme,
- f) announce the conditions for enrolment in the doctoral programme, the number of students that can be admitted for a given academic year, decide on the members of the admission committee and admissions to the doctoral school.

Section 5

The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall meet at least every two months or as necessary. Quorum in the Disciplinary Doctoral Council meeting requires the attendance of half of the council's members, including the Chair and the Deputy Chair. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall adopt resolutions by majority vote. In the case of a tie, the deciding vote shall be cast by the Chair. The doctoral administrator shall compile memoranda of each of its meetings, which shall be certified by either the Chair or Deputy Chair of the council and shall be stored in accordance with the regulations on record management. Members of the council shall have an obligation of confidentiality on meetings and votes on matters pertaining to individual Students, but the council's resolutions – with the omission of results of votes – shall be published on the website of the doctoral schools.

Section 6

The preparation of the agenda of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council and the management of the council's decisions shall be the task of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The administrative duties necessary for the functioning of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall be handled by the doctoral administrator at the faculty's Office of Educational Affairs.

²¹⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

THE COUNCIL OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Section 7

- (1) The council of the Doctoral School of Law shall be comprised of 5-9 members. Representation of the doctoral programmes, along with the research fields of Civilistics, Criminology, Administrative Law, International Law, European Law and Legal and Social Studies shall be ensured.
- (2) The council of the Doctoral School of Political Sciences shall be comprised of 3-5 members.
- (3) The Chair of the Doctoral School shall be the head of the accredited doctoral school, who shall be elected by the University Doctoral Council from among the core member university professors of the doctoral school based on the recommendation of a majority of core members and upon the recommendation of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The Chair of the Doctoral School shall be appointed by the Rector for a term of no more than five years. The Chair's mandate may be renewed more than once.
- (4) The members of the council of the doctoral school are recommended by the core members of the doctoral school from among lecturers and researchers of the faculty holding academic degrees who meet the criteria for core membership. The mandates of the members of the council of the doctoral school shall last for a term equal to that of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The members are elected by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council and approved by the University Doctoral Council.
- (5) In the case of the Doctoral School of Law, administrative duties of the doctoral schools are handled by the doctoral administrator of the faculty's Office of Educational Affairs, as named in Section 6 of the present Annex. In the case of the Doctoral School of Political Sciences, said administrative duties are handled by the administrator of the faculty's Institute of Political Sciences.

Section 8

- (1) The tasks of the council of the doctoral school shall include in particular:
 - a) giving an opinion on the proposal on the operational regulations of the doctoral school,
 - b) compiling the training plans of the doctoral programmes and submitting it to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council,
 - c) ²²⁰approving the identities of the core members, topic announcers and supervisors and other lecturers of the doctoral school and submitting them to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council for approval, and making a recommendation on the conferment of the title of "Emeritus (emerita) core member",
 - d) evaluating the organisation and implementation of the doctoral programme of the doctoral school on a regular basis or whenever necessary,
 - e) handling the compilation and implementation of the curriculum of the doctoral school,
 - f) deciding on individual Student requests at the request of the head of the doctoral school,
 - g) ²²¹
 - h) giving an opinion on other matters pertaining to a given doctoral school, at the request of the head of the doctoral school,
 - i) handling the tasks entrusted to it by the Faculty Doctoral Regulations and the Operational Regulations of the Doctoral School.

²²⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²²¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

- (2) Matters pertaining to the student status not covered by the University Doctoral Regulations or the Faculty Doctoral Regulations shall be regulated by the operational regulations of the doctoral school, as laid out in Section 14 (2) of the University Doctoral Regulations.

Section 9

- (1) ²²² Upon the recommendation of the council of the doctoral school, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall review the doctoral school's list of lecturers before the start of the study period in each academic year, and approve the identities of new lecturers at the doctoral school. The council may also approve new full-time lecturers during the academic year if the interests of the programme so dictate.
- (2) Upon the recommendation of the council of the doctoral school, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall make recommendations on the core members (including professors emeritus recognised as core members) and approve the identities of topic announcers and supervisors.
- (3) ²²³ The approvals defined in paragraphs (1)-(2) shall be granted based on verification of the candidates' academic degrees and curriculum vitae and shall be granted for an indefinite period in the cases of full-time lecturers and topic announcers and supervisors.

HANDLING OF STUDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Section 10

- (1) Matters pertaining to Students admitted to the doctoral programme along with matters defined in the Faculty Doctoral Regulations shall be decided on by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The authority to decide on student matters defined in the operational regulations of the doctoral school may be transferred to the Chair of the council of the doctoral school.
- (2) Student requests shall be addressed to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council or the council or head of the doctoral school. The requests shall be submitted to the doctoral administrator of the faculty's Office of Educational Affairs in the cases of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council and the Doctoral School of Law (Section 6) and to the administrator of the doctoral school in the case of the Doctoral School of Political Sciences.

ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Section 11

Doctoral programmes at Eötvös Loránd University's Faculty of Law may be

- a) organised programmes
 - aa) full-time organised programmes financed by the Hungarian state or through other scholarships,
 - ab) self-financed full-time programmes

²²² Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²²³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April 2020.

- ac) self-financed part-time correspondence-based programmes,
- b) self-financed correspondence-based programmes on individual course schedules.

Section 12

- (1) The regulations pertaining to the conditions of applying to the doctoral programme and the admission procedure shall be regulated by the operational regulations of the doctoral schools, in accordance with the doctoral programmes.
- (2) The admission requirements, the method of verifying the application and admission requirements and the evaluation criteria for admission shall be published each year in the Guide for Admission to the Doctoral Programme and on the website of the doctoral schools of the Faculty of Law by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The announcement on admissions and the organisation of the admission procedure shall be handled by the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (3) ²²⁴Applicants have the option of submitting their applications if they are in possession of a university pre-degree certificate (absolutorium), but admission to the doctoral programme shall only be possible if the applicant attaches his/her degree certificate or a proof of having successfully completed the final examinations and the expected qualification of the diploma certificate issued by the faculty's Office of Educational Affairs or the higher education institution the applicant graduated from.
- (4) Academic and research activities completed by the applicant before application may be recognised by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council at the request of the applicant, in accordance with the rules on credit transfer,
 - a) if the Doctoral Student pursued a doctoral programme in the doctoral school of the Faculty of Law to which he/she was granted admission on a second attempt less than five years removed from the expiry of the Student Status,
 - b) in the case of studies pursued at another doctoral school, if less than five years had passed since the expiry of the Student Status and if there is a possibility of credit transfer in line with the rules pertaining to part-time training,
 - c) ²²⁵based on the provisions laid out in Section 24 in the cases of applicants applying for the comprehensive examination without preliminary doctoral training.

Section 13

- (1) The doctoral programme may be conducted in a correspondence-based format on an individual course schedule if the applicant meets the criteria that apply to Students taking part in organised programmes and if the applicant's degree certificate was issued no less than three years prior to his/her application, his/her individual research programme is supported by the chosen department and topic supervisor and if the applicant can provide a document verifying his/her academic activities completed since the obtainment of the university degree certificate, to prove that he/she is capable of conducting academic work on his/her own. The applicant's academic activities shall be evaluated by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council over the course of the evaluation of the application.
- (2) ²²⁶In contrast with the provisions laid out in paragraph (1), in the case of an international student applying for a correspondence-based programme with uniquely-tailored study

²²⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in admission procedures for the 2020/2021 academic year as well.

²²⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²²⁶ Enacted and numbering determined by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in the admission procedure for the 2020/2021 academic year as well.

arrangements, only the support of the department and supervisor of the individual research programme is required.

Section 14

Apart from cases laid out in Section 39 (1) of Nftv., international applicants may only be admitted to the doctoral school if

- a) the Disciplinary Doctoral Council rules on the basis of the provisions of Etv. and Section 26 of the University Doctoral Regulations that the applicant's degree obtained in the foreign higher education institution can serve as a basis for the applicant's pursuit of doctoral studies at the given doctoral school,
- b) work on the applicant's topic of choice serves to enrich the results of Hungarian academia and if it has aspects that apply to Hungary or the European Union,
- c) ²²⁷the doctoral school can ensure supervision of the applicant's topic in their foreign language of choice and the involvement of an expert with the required academic qualification in the applicant's chosen topic during the comprehensive examination and the doctoral procedure.

TRANSFER

Section 15

- (1) A Doctoral Student of a given doctoral school may submit to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council a request to transfer to the doctoral programme of another doctoral school no later than the end of the study period of his/her second semester.
- (2) The request is approved if
 - a) the applicant meets the admission criteria of the doctoral programme of the given doctoral school
 - b) the applicant has obtained no less than 25 credits per semester or if the applicant can verify that he/she will obtain 25 credits by the end of the given semester from the subjects he/she has registered for,
 - c) one of the departments (institutes) of the University's Faculty of Law issues a declaration of acceptance for the applicant as a research centre,
 - d) the supervision of the applicant's topic is overseen by a lecturer (researcher) who is a topic announcer or supervisor at the doctoral school in question,
 - e) the applicant can obtain the required academic and research credits in the academic and research phase of the programme by the comprehensive examination.
- (3) Doctoral Students may only transfer to self-financed doctoral programmes.
- (4) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall recognise the academic and research achievements of the transfer Doctoral Student at his/her previous higher education institution based on the rules pertaining to the pursuit of partial studies at another institution.
- (5) ²²⁸The Disciplinary Doctoral Council – for reasons warranting special equity - may agree to the transfer after the deadline specified in paragraph (1) if there is a realistic chance based on the applicant doctoral student's academic performance and achievements that they will take the comprehensive exam, or, in the case of a transfer after the comprehensive examination, that the doctoral student will submit

²²⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²²⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

the doctoral dissertation by the deadline specified in Nftv. Article 53 (4). The transfer cannot justify the extension of the legal deadline to submit the dissertation out of equity.

POSTPONEMENT OF ENROLMENT. SUSPENSION OF STUDIES

Section 16

- (1) Upon a written request by the Student, and if special personal justification is provided, the Chair of the doctoral school may grant the Student who had gained admission to the doctoral school permission to begin his/her studies in the subsequent academic year. In this case, the Student is still required to enrol at the doctoral school.
- (2) Upon a written request by the Student, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may grant the Student permission to suspend his/her studies in the academic and research phase of the programme for a combined period of more than two semesters
 - a) if the Student is pregnant or is raising a child younger than three years of age,
 - b) if the Student has suffered an accident or is suffering from a prolonged illness and is unable to pursue his/her studies for a time being,
 - c) if the Student enrolled in a doctoral programme funded by the State of Hungary wishes to establish employment status for a definite period with another employer,
 - d) if the Student is employed abroad,
 - e) in any other case in which the personal situation of the Student is in merit of special equity.
- (3) The uninterrupted suspension of the Student's studies may not extend past a period of six semesters even in the cases listed in paragraph (2).
- (4) The Student shall not be granted permission to suspend his/her doctoral training for a combined period longer than two years even through equity.

REALLOCATION

Section 17²²⁹

- (1) Students enrolled in a state-funded full-time doctoral programme registered for an active semester who fail to successfully complete at least 10 credits in two consecutive semesters may only continue their studies from the subsequent semester in a self-financed correspondence-based programme. The decision on the given Student's reallocation shall be made by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school.
- (2) In the research and dissertation phase, the 10 credits specified in paragraph (1) must be completed in the form of publications, partial studies, reviews and professional translation specified in the curriculum of the doctoral school.

PARTIAL STUDIES AT OTHER HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Section 18

²²⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2020. (XII. 16.). Effective December 15, 2020.

- (1) With the approval of the topic supervisor and based on a prior decision by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, the Student may register for courses in Bachelor's, Master's or doctoral programmes at another faculty of the University or at another higher education institution in place of the alternative or elective course listed in the training plan of the doctoral programme.
- (2) The Student shall submit the request to pursue partial studies at another higher education institution to the doctoral administrator of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council by the end of the registration period. In the request, the Student shall give a justification as to why the partial studies are necessary for the completion of his/her academic and research plan.
- (3) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall approve the request if
 - a) the pursuit of partial studies is justified by the Student's academic and research plan, and is approved by the topic supervisor,
 - b) the subject, requirements and evaluation method of the course to be completed by the Student are all in line with the subject requirements of the given alternative or elective subject listed in the training plan of the doctoral programme.
- (4) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall recognise credits acquired in the partial studies as the equivalents of credits listed in the training plan of the doctoral programme if
 - a) it has given its consent to the Student's pursuit of partial studies, as prescribed in paragraph (3),
 - b) if the Student provides proof of having successfully completed the given course by presenting a certificate issued by the other higher education institution.

PARTIAL STUDIES AT A FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

Section 19

- (1) The Student may pursue partial studies at a foreign higher education institution
 - a) in a joint doctoral programme,
 - b) in a doctoral programme conducted under a co-tutelle framework agreement,
 - c) based on preliminary authorisation by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (2) In the types of partial studies listed in points a)-b) of paragraph (1), the Student's pursuit of studies, research activities, the requirements of the programme, their recognition by the home University, the credit system that applies to the programme, etc. shall be subject to an agreement on a joint doctoral programme or a co-tutelle agreement.

Section 20

- (1) ²³⁰The preliminary approval of the Student's request to pursue partial studies in a foreign higher education institution referred to in point c) of Section 19 (1) shall be given by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the topic supervisor's recommendation and approval of the work plan. In the recommendation, the topic supervisor shall declare whether the work programme of the partial training is in line with the training plan of the doctoral programme and whether it assists or is necessary for the Student's completion of his/her academic and research plan. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council may not approve a partial training programme in a foreign institution which does not fit

²³⁰ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

the training plan of the doctoral programme, and therefore such studies may not be counted towards the Student's studies.

- (2) The duration of and the Student's results obtained in the partial studies – or no more than two semesters and 60 credits – shall count towards the Student's academic and research programme. The student status – in the case of the provisions laid out in paragraph (3) – shall not be suspended for the duration of the partial studies.
- (3) The Student in pursuit of partial studies at a foreign institution is obligated to register for the given semester, or must authorise a representative to register in his/her place. The registered Doctoral Student taking part in a state-funded programme is eligible for scholarship money, the registered Doctoral Student taking part in a self-financed programme is obligated to pay tuition during his/her pursuit of partial studies abroad.

Section 21

- (1) The decision on the recognition of the partial studies and the taking into consideration of the Student's results achieved over the course of the partial studies shall be made by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, at the request of the Student.
- (2) In order for the partial studies and the Student's achievements there to be recognised and taken into account, following the completion of the studies, the Student is obligated to
 - a) prepare a report on his/her studies and research completed in the programme which verifies the completion of the approved work programme,
 - b) Present the certificates issued by the foreign higher education institution providing proof of the completion of the partial studies.
- (3) The Student's topic supervisor shall evaluate the report on the partial studies and shall make a recommendation of the recognition or rejection of the training.
- (4) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall examine, on the basis of the documents providing proof of the partial studies and research, whether the Student has completed the approved work programme. If the Disciplinary Doctoral Council accepts the Student's results obtained in the partial studies, it shall decide on the amount of credits the Student shall be awarded for them.
- (5) In the event that a Student pursuing partial studies at a foreign higher education fails to register for a semester at the University during the course of the programme abroad, the Student's studies and research completed at the foreign institution shall not be taken into account by the University as partial studies.

Section 22²³¹

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Section 23

- (1) The Student, as a requirement for the completion of the training and research phase of the doctoral programme and entry into the research and dissertation phase of the programme, shall sit for a comprehensive examination at the end of the fourth semester. In the comprehensive examination, the Student shall be required to give account of

²³¹ Section and preceding header repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

his/her lexical knowledge on theoretical subjects, present his/her research documentation, give account of his/her research activities and give an oral presentation on his/her research plan pertaining to the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral programme. The comprehensive examination shall be taken before a committee.

- (2) The assessment criteria pertaining to Student's knowledge of the theoretical subjects and presentation of the research documentation shall be determined by the curriculum of the doctoral programme. The subject pertaining to the research topic of the Student shall be determined by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council simultaneously to its deciding on granting the Student permission to take the comprehensive examination and the composition of the exam committee.
- (3) The Student's shall submit a written and an electronic copy of his/her research documentation when applying for the comprehensive examination.

Section 24

- (1) If an applicant without preliminary doctoral training, who is applying for the comprehensive examination, meets the conditions of applying for the examination prescribed by legislation and the operational regulations of the doctoral school, the administrator of the doctoral school in question shall contact within five working days of the submission of the application the head of the department (institute) in charge of the applicant's research topic in connection with the preparation of the preliminary habitus investigation on the granting of permission for the applicant to take the comprehensive examination.
- (2) ²³²The head of the department (institute) in question – or an appointed lecturer with academic qualifications teaching at the department (institute) – shall prepare a written evaluation of the applicant's professional and academic achievements and shall make a recommendation on the acceptance or rejection of the application for the comprehensive examination. In the event that the applicant is granted permission to take the comprehensive examination, the head of the department (institute) shall make a recommendation on the credit value of the recognition of the applicant's professional and academic achievements. The head of the department (institute) shall also declare whether the department will be willing to supervise the applicant's research topic in the event of the applicant's successful passing of the examination. If the department is willing to supervise the applicant's research topic, it shall appoint a topic supervisor. The head of the department (institute) shall send the evaluation to the head of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council through the head of the doctoral school within 15 days of the receipt of the application. The head of the doctoral school shall have the option of attaching an opinion to and/or adding to the evaluation.

Section 25

- (1) ²³³The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall issue a decision on granting the applicant permission to take the comprehensive examination or rejecting the application by no later than the end of April. The council must provide a written justification should it rule to reject the application.

²³² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²³³ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (2) The organisation of the exam shall be handled by the administrator of the doctoral school. Simultaneously to notifying the Student about the examination, the administrator shall officially invite the members of the exam committee to take up their posts and shall send an electronic copy of the Student's research documentation to the members of the committee.
- (3) The member of the exam committee in charge of the evaluation of the specialisation exam subject shall prepare a written evaluation of the Student's research documentation for the complex examination, which shall be presented to the Student during the examination. The written evaluation shall be attached to the minutes of the complex examination.
- (4) The theoretical part of the comprehensive examination shall be an oral test of the examinee's knowledge. The examinee shall be given 20-30 minutes to give an oral presentation of his/her research activities and the research plan for the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral programme. The examinee may use a presentation programme for this part of the examination.
- (5) ²³⁴The comprehensive examination shall be conducted in Hungarian, unless the international Student requests a foreign-language examination. In this case, the comprehensive examination shall be conducted in the language used in the Student's consultations with the topic supervisor.
- (6) The comprehensive examination shall be open to the public. The dates of the comprehensive and retake examinations shall be published on the website of the doctoral school. The Student's topic supervisor, or in the case of examinees without preliminary doctoral training, the appointed topic supervisor, shall be invited to the examination.

Section 26

- (1) Following the completion of the examination, the members of the exam committee shall evaluate the examinee's performance in a closed meeting. The Student's topic supervisor may not take part in the closed session.
- (2) ²³⁵The examinee's knowledge on his/her academic theoretical, research methodological and specialisation subject shall be evaluated on a two-grade scale (fail, pass). Should the examinee receive a "fail" grade for one or all of the subjects, he/she may be allowed to sit for a remedial exam for the subjects in question. The remedial exam shall be organised by the doctoral administrator, with the timeframe prescribed in Section 52 (2) of the present Regulations taken into consideration.
- (3) ²³⁶A maximum of 5 points each may be awarded for the examinee's written research documentation and the examinee's presentation on his/her research activities and research plan in the oral part of the examination.
The examinee's written research documentation and the examinee's presentation on his/her research activities and research plan in the oral part of the examination shall be evaluated as follows:
 - a) the examinee shall receive a "pass" grade if he/she earns at least 2 points for each part of the examination,
 - b) ²³⁷the examinee shall receive a "fail" grade if he/she earns 0 or 1 point each for the written research documentation and the oral presentation on his/her research activities and research plan.

²³⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²³⁵ Amended by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²³⁶ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

²³⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective on the first day of the first comprehensive exam period following the amendment.

- (4) The rules pertaining to the taking and evaluation of the first comprehensive examination shall apply to the retake exam referred to in paragraph (2).

THE DOCTORAL PRE-DEGREE CERTIFICATE (ABSOLUTORIUM)

Section 27²³⁸

The pre-degree certificate (absolutorium) verifying the completion of the doctoral studies may be issued to Students taking part in the doctoral programme who have obtained all of their required credits and fulfilled the requirements laid out in operational regulations of the doctoral school.

THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE²³⁹

Section 28

No more than one member of the Assessment Committee may be appointed from the department which managed the preparation of the doctoral dissertation in question. Furthermore, the person nominated from said department may not be the head of the department and may not be appointed as an official opponent to critique the dissertation. Persons who cannot be expected to give an objective critique of the dissertation in question may also not serve as official opponents.

Section 29

- (1) ²⁴⁰The conditions of applying for the doctoral procedure shall be the following:
- a) Submission of a request to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council complete with the required annexes and as laid out in the University Doctoral Regulations,
 - b) At least five papers published in a scientific journal considered prestigious in the given field, volume of studies or papers accepted for publication, out of which at least three must deal with a subject concerning the topic of the doctoral dissertation in question,
 - c) ²⁴¹ verification of the foreign language proficiency requirement set out in the Organisational and Operational Regulations of the Doctoral School as specified therein.
- (2) ²⁴²The languages accepted under point c) of Section 29 (1) are determined by the operational regulations of the doctoral school.²⁴³
- (3) Should any of the conditions listed in paragraph (1) not be met, the doctoral procedure may not be started.

²³⁸ Amended by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²³⁹ Sub-heading amended by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁴⁰ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁴¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

²⁴² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

²⁴³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

- (4) In the case of international cooperation in the form of co-tutelle programmes with foreign higher education institutions, agreements signed by the University in accordance with Sections 77-78 of the present Regulations may set obligations that diverge from the ones specified in point b) of paragraph (1) and may prescribe different rules pertaining to the verification of language proficiency.

Section 30²⁴⁴

- (1) The doctoral procedure shall be carried out in Hungarian. With special permission from the topic supervisor and the head of the department (institute) organising the research centre disputation, the Doctoral Student may submit a doctoral dissertation in English, German or French. All foreign-language dissertations require special permission from the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (2) The Doctoral Student may also request that the doctoral procedure be conducted in a foreign language. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council may grant permission for the doctoral procedure to be carried out in a foreign language based on the foreign-language doctoral dissertation if
- a) the doctoral programme was conducted largely in the same foreign language,
 - b) in the case of an applicant to whom point a) of this paragraph does not apply, if – based on the topic of the doctoral dissertation – the council can ensure the appointment of an assessment committee and official opponents, including the appointment of a possible third official opponent, with the required language proficiency.

Section 31²⁴⁵

- (1) The request for the initiation of the doctoral procedure shall be submitted to the administrator of the doctoral school. The administrator of the doctoral school shall check whether the request was handed in in complete form along with its annexes, and if incomplete, shall call on the applicant to submit the missing components of the request.
- (2) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall decide on the initiation of the doctoral procedure within sixty days that the request is submitted in its complete form and in line with the regulations.

THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Section 32

- (1) ²⁴⁶The doctoral dissertation shall include the name of the author, the topic supervisor, the time and place it was written, a table of contents, a bibliography, the foreign-language abstracts, as well as the dissertation's DOI ID. The bibliography must also contain the DOI IDs of the documents referenced wherever possible. If the dissertation is written in a foreign language, the author must include the abstracts in Hungarian. A list of scientific publications coinciding with the research topic in

²⁴⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

²⁴⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁴⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

- question shall be included separately in the bibliography. The dissertation must also reflect the Doctoral Student's proficiency in and use of two foreign languages.
- (2) The minimum length of the doctoral dissertation shall be 10 author's sheets.

Section 33

The Hungarian and foreign-language abstracts shall be attached to the doctoral dissertation and must include

- a) a brief summary of the target research task in Part I,
- b) a brief summary of the experiments, analyses carried out, along with a summary of the processing of the data in Part II,
- c) a brief summary of the scientific results, how they were put to use and other possibilities on their usage in Part III,
- d) a bibliography of the publications released in the field of the research topic in Part IV.

THE RESEARCH CENTRE DISPUTATION

Section 34

- (1) ²⁴⁷Before its submission, a research centre disputation shall be held on the doctoral dissertation organised by the departments (institutions) in charge of the topic of the dissertation at the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University. The chair of the disputation session may not be the topic supervisor of the Doctoral Candidate. The department shall invite to the disputation the lecturers of the Faculty, core members and topic supervisors researching the given topic at other universities, lecturers, researchers and other external experts researching the topic in question at departments at other universities (institutes, research centres). Compulsory invitations shall be decided by the head of the department (institute). The research centre disputation shall be open to the public.
- (2) ²⁴⁸The head of the department (institute) shall appoint two pre-opponents for the research centre disputation, who shall evaluate the doctoral dissertation both verbally and in writing. The same grounds for exclusion shall apply to pre-opponents as those that apply to official opponents.

Section 35

- (1) ²⁴⁹The written evaluations of the pre-opponents shall establish, and the disputation shall be used to determine
 - a) that the topic of the doctoral dissertation is suitable for scientific evaluation,
 - b) that the dissertation contains credible information,
 - c) whether the dissertation contains results that can be evaluated scientifically,
 - d) whether the results contained in the dissertation are those of the Doctoral Candidate,
 - e) whether the dissertation covers the findings of the international literature covering the research topic,
 - f) whether the dissertation meets the formal requirements,

²⁴⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁴⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution a CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

²⁴⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution a CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

- g) whether the length and contents of the dissertation are in harmony with one another,
 - h) whether the dissertation is suitable for the initiation of the doctoral procedure based on its scientific and academic quality.
- (2) A minutes shall be prepared on the research centre disputation which shall include a list of those present at the disputation, and indicate the positions taken at the debate on the requirements listed in paragraph (1) as well as the opinions expressed at the disputation. The same grounds for exclusion applying to official opponents shall apply for the person writing the minutes on the disputation. The minutes shall be signed by the head of the research centre.

Section 36

- (1) Should the majority of those present at the research centre disputation recommend that the Doctoral Candidate rework the doctoral dissertation, a second research centre disputation may be organised based on the joint decision of the head of the research centre and the topic supervisor. The department shall invite all of the participants of the original research centre disputation to the second disputation as well.
- (2) ²⁵⁰If the head of the department (institute) and the topic supervisor do not consider it necessary to organise a second disputation, the reworked dissertation shall be critiqued by the topic supervisor. The head of the department may inspect the Candidate's reworking of the dissertation.

SUBMISSION OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Section 37

- (1) ²⁵¹Beyond the rules laid out in the General Provisions of the University Doctoral Regulations, the Doctoral Student shall submit a bound printed copy and an electronic copy of the doctoral dissertation to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, with two copies of a comb-bound printed version and one printed or electronic copy of the abstracts attached to it.
- (2) The doctoral dissertation may be submitted with a joint written approval by the head of the department and the topic supervisor. The minutes of the research centre disputation(s) shall also be attached to the dissertation when it its submitted. The head of the department and the topic supervisor may recommend a composition for the Assessment Committee as well as the official opponents.

THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Section 38

- (1) ²⁵²The Disciplinary Doctoral Council, taking into consideration the recommendations of the council of the doctoral school, the head of the department in charge of the research topic in question as well as the topic supervisor, shall appoint the two official opponents of the dissertation, the Chair of the Assessment Committee and two further members. One or more substitute members shall also be appointed in case (a) member(s) of the

²⁵⁰Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV. 2020 (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁵¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁵² Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

Committee is/are not available. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall appoint the Secretary of the Committee from among its two members.

- (2) The Chair of the Assessment Committee, its members and the appointed official opponents shall declare in the form of an electronic letter their acceptance or non-acceptance of their appointments within five working days of its receipt.

Section 39²⁵³

- (1) The official opponents shall send their critiques to the doctoral administrator of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council within the two months marked for the doctoral procedure in the University Doctoral Regulations. The official opponents shall submit one printed and signed copy and one electronic copy of their critiques. The official opponent shall give a detailed review of the strengths and errors of the dissertation, evaluate the research methods taken on by the Candidate, the Candidate's proficiency of the academic literature in the given topic, the basis for the scientific conclusions reached in the dissertation and shall indicate whether the dissertation meets the content and formal requirements.
- (2) The official opponent shall make a recommendation for setting the public disputation as well as the conferment of the doctoral degree or the termination of the doctoral procedure.
- (3) The administrator of the doctoral school shall send electronic copies of the official critiques to the Candidate and the Chair and other members of the Assessment Committee as soon as possible.

Section 40

- (1) In the event that one of the two opponents does not recommend that the dissertation be subject to a public disputation, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall appoint a third opponent at its subsequent session.
- (2) ²⁵⁴In the event that two opponents do not recommend that the dissertation be subject to a public disputation, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council – after obtaining the opinion of the Candidate if it deems it necessary – shall adopt a resolution on the termination of the doctoral procedure in which it shall indicate the reason for the termination.

Section 41

- (1) ²⁵⁵In the event that the two official opponents of the dissertation recommend that it should be subject to a public disputation, the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council – having consulted the Chair of the Assessment Committee – shall set the date of the public disputation to beyond 15 days of the receipt of the printed copy of the second official critique. The Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, through the doctoral administrator, shall also arrange the announcement of the time and place of the public disputation.
- (2) The Doctoral Candidate shall receive the critiques before the public disputation and prepare written responses to them before the disputation. The Doctoral Candidate must submit the responses in both printed and electronic form to the administrator of the doctoral school no more than 5 working days prior to the public disputation. The

²⁵³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁵⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁵⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

administrator shall send the responses to the official opponents and the members of the Assessment Committee in electronic form as soon as possible.

- (3) The administrator of the doctoral school shall send in electronic form a brief summary composed by the Doctoral Candidate of his/her academic works to the Secretary of the Assessment Committee at the time specified in paragraph (2).

THE PUBLIC DISPUTATION

Section 42

The doctoral dissertation shall be defended before a five-member committee. The committee shall be composed of the committee chair, two official opponents and two other members. The Doctoral Candidate's topic supervisor as well as the opponent who rejected the Doctoral Candidate's doctoral dissertation shall also be invited to the public disputation. Notable experts of the given field must also be invited to the disputation, especially lecturers of the Faculty in possession of academic degrees along with representatives of other doctoral schools, departments operating at the Faculty. The invitations shall be sent out electronically by the administrator of the doctoral school. The abstracts of the doctoral dissertation along with a notice of when and where the dissertation can be viewed must be attached to the invitations.

Section 43

The public disputation may be held if the Doctoral Candidate, the Chair, Secretary and member of the Assessment Committee and at least one official opponent are present. The disputation may not be held if the official opponent who rejected the doctoral dissertation is not present, unless the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council has granted permission for it to be held citing a statement from, prolonged stay abroad by, an illness of or other special reason provided by the opponent.

Section 44

The public disputation shall be conducted as follows:

- a) Prior to commencing the public disputation, the Assessment Committee shall hold a closed meeting in which it shall review opinions that come up in connection with the doctoral disputation based on the opinions expressed by the official opponents and members of the Committee and shall determine questions that must be clarified over the public disputation.
- b) The public disputation shall be opened by the Chair of the Assessment Committee, after which the Secretary of the Committee shall present the applicant's academic works.
- c) ²⁵⁶The applicant will then give a maximum 20-minute summary of the abstracts of his/her work, as well as a maximum 10-minute foreign-language summary of the results of his/her research.
- d) The official opponents, including the official opponent who rejected the applicant's dissertation, shall present the essence of their critiques and shall make a recommendation on the conferment of the doctoral degree or the rejection of the application. The written opinion of an official opponent who is not present at the disputation, including the official opponent who rejected the applicant's dissertation,

²⁵⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution a CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

along with opinions that were submitted in writing shall be presented to the participants of the disputation by the Secretary of the Assessment Committee.

- e) ²⁵⁷The Secretary of the Committee shall be the first at the public disputation to pose the questions that the Assessment Committee formulated in its closed meeting in Hungarian or in a foreign language. Following this, members of the Committee and those present may pose questions to the Doctoral Candidate and speak. Those present at the disputation may express their opinions on the doctoral dissertation.
- f) The Doctoral Candidate shall present the written answers he/she prepared in response to the official critiques pursuant to Section 41 (2). The Candidate may choose to respond to the questions posed and opinions expressed at the disputation one by one or all at once. The Candidate may use aid he/she deems necessary to provide evidence for his/her statements.
- g) The official opponent shall be given one opportunity to reply to the Candidate's statements.
- h) The public disputation shall last while there are participants wishing to contribute. The Doctoral Candidate shall be given a chance to address the disputation prior to its conclusion. Following the conclusion of the disputation, the opponents shall declare whether they uphold their recommendations for the conferment or rejection of the doctoral degree.
- i) The public disputation shall be conducted in Hungarian. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council may grant permission in special circumstances for the disputation to be held in a language other than Hungarian; however, the Candidate may not employ the services of an interpreter.
- j) A minutes shall be prepared on the public disputation and shall be attached to the other documents.

Section 45

- (1) ²⁵⁸The members of the Assessment Committee shall evaluate the Doctoral Candidate's performance at the closed meeting following the conclusion of the public disputation and the statements given by the official opponents. The members of the Committee shall evaluate the Candidate's performance by awarding him/her a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 points via secret vote. The public disputation shall be considered successful if the Doctoral Candidates receives 60% of the maximum possible points he/she can be awarded in the secret ballot evaluation.
- (2) In the event that the Candidate receives
 - a) 87-100% of the maximum possible points, the defence of the dissertation shall qualify as Summa Cum Laude,
 - b) 73-86.9% of the maximum possible points, the defence of the dissertation shall qualify as Cum Laude,
 - c) 60-72.9% of the maximum possible points, the defence of the dissertation shall qualify as Rite,
 - d) below 60% of the maximum possible points, the defence of the dissertation shall qualify as Insufficienter, and the Candidate shall not be granted the title of Doctor.
- (3) A minutes shall be prepared on the meeting of the Assessment Committee, which shall contain the numerical result of the secret vote, the recommendation of the Committee, the most important questions that the disputation focused on as well as the Committee's final evaluation of the doctoral dissertation.

²⁵⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution a CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

²⁵⁸ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (4) The recommendation and evaluation given by the Assessment Committee shall be announced on the spot in front of the participants of the public disputation by reading out the relevant parts of the minutes of the closed meeting.

Section 46

- (1) Following the public disputation the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall put forward a proposal to the University Doctoral Council on the conferment of the doctoral degree based on the approval of the Assessment Committee. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall put together its recommendation for the conferment and qualification of the doctoral degree on the basis of the evaluation of the Assessment Committee.
- (2) ²⁵⁹In the event that the public defence of the doctoral dissertation shall qualify as Insufficienter based on the decision of the Assessment Committee, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall determine that the doctoral procedure had been unsuccessful and shall terminate the procedure.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF A DOCTORAL DEGREE OBTAINED ABROAD

Section 47

- (1) The doctoral dissertation shall be attached to the request for the national recognition of a doctoral degree obtained abroad in the nostrification procedure at the Faculty of Law. In the event that the dissertation was not written in either English, German or French, an official Hungarian translation of the doctoral dissertation shall also be attached to the request. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council may exempt the Candidate from having to attach an official Hungarian translation of the dissertation written in a foreign language if it can appoint an opponent from among the lecturers at the Faculty in possession of an academic degree who are capable of assessing the conditions of the national recognition of the dissertation along with its academic quality.
- (2) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall initiate the nostrification procedure if
 - a) it determines on the basis of the documents handed in pursuant to Section 90 (3) of the University Doctoral Regulations that the foreign higher education institution that issued the doctoral degree was authorised to confer the doctoral degree in the given field and discipline at the time that the degree certificate was issued, and
 - b) if the doctoral certificate includes the academic qualification of the applicant requesting the national recognition of the doctoral degree and if the certificate is genuine. To determine this, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may choose to make direct contact the foreign higher education institution that issued the certificate.
- (3) In the event that the validity or legal effect of the cannot be determined, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council may choose to suspend the nostrification procedure until the certificate is certified in accordance with Section 90 (5) of the University Doctoral Regulations.
- (4) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council, in order to determine whether the conditions of the national recognition of the academic degree in question – in terms of academic quality – meets the requirements laid out in Hungarian legislation, the University Doctoral Regulations and the Faculty doctoral regulations, shall appoint an opponent possessing an academic degree from among the lecturers or researches employed by the Faculty, or in special conditions in consideration of the nature of the topic, the University.

²⁵⁹Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (5) The grounds for exclusion applying to the opponent shall be the same as those applying to the official opponents of the dissertation.
- (6) The opponent shall prepare the critique within a period of two months, the time span allocated for doctoral procedures. The critique shall be prepared in writing and sent to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (7) In the event that the opponent's critique rejects the national recognition of the degree in question, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall appoint two further opponents, in line with the general rules pertaining to the doctoral procedure.
- (8) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall recommend the national recognition of the degree in question to the University Doctoral Council if it is convinced, taking into account the evaluation of the opponent, that the conditions of nostrification laid out in paragraphs (2) and (4) are met. In the event that three opponents submit evaluations, the national recognition of the degree in question can only be recommended if two opponents support the nostrification of the degree.

COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Section 48

- (1) The doctoral school may enter into cooperation agreements in trainings of the doctoral programmes with professional organisations with an interest in the obtainment of a doctoral degree.
- (2) Internships completed by the Doctoral Student at the professional organisation in question may be recognised by the Faculty within the framework of the cooperation.
- (3) ²⁶⁰Staff members of the professional organisation holding of academic qualifications may take part in the doctoral programme as lecturers, in line with the provisions of the cooperation agreement. If the proper conditions are met, the staff members may also take up roles in the doctoral school as topic announcers or supervisors, may contribute to the comprehensive examination and the doctoral procedures based on the decision of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.

TUITION OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Section 49

- (1) The tuition to be paid by the Doctoral Student for the doctoral programme shall be determined by the Faculty Council. The Doctoral Admissions Guide must indicate the rules pertaining to the tuition.
- (2) Doctoral Students who
 - a) shall be ruled as exempt from paying the tuition by an international treaty or legislation,
 - b) have a full-time employment status with the Faculty of Law at Eötvös Loránd University,
shall be exempt from having to pay the tuition.

²⁶⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (3) The exemption laid out in paragraph (2) shall be determined by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council in the admission procedure in the event that the condition for exemption is met at the time that a decision is made on the admission of the applicant.
- (4) The Doctoral Student's exemption from having to pay the tuition shall be determined by the head of the doctoral school in the event that
 - a) the international treaty or legislation in question guarantees an exemption in a doctoral programme that is already running,
 - b) the Doctoral Student can provide a document of appointment verifying the status described in point b) of paragraph (2).

Section 50

- (1) The Disciplinary Doctoral Council may grant the Doctoral Student permission to postpone payment of the tuition at the Student's request citing his/her social situation.
- (2) The written request for postponement of the tuition payment shall be submitted in writing to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council by September 30 and February 28 for the respective semesters, and must indicate the conditions that warrant a postponement of payment. The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall rule on the request by October 15 and March 15 of the respective semesters.

FEES PAYABLE FOR THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE

Section 51

- (1) The provisions laid out in Annex 4 of the University Doctoral Regulations shall be applied to the fees pertaining to the habitus investigation and the comprehensive examination complete with the discrepancies and complementary parts laid out in paragraphs (2)-(5).
- (2) In case referred to in point 2 of Annex 4 of the University Doctoral Regulations, the fee payable for a comprehensive examination held in a foreign language shall be 50% higher than the fee payable for a comprehensive examination held in Hungarian.
- (3) ²⁶¹At the comprehensive examination, the fee payable to
 - a) the examiner evaluating the research documentation who does not have an employment status with the University shall be HUF 25,000 per person,
 - b) other examiners shall be HUF 15,000 per person.
- (4) In the doctoral procedure the fee payable to
 - a) official opponents shall be HUF 30,000,
 - b) members of the Assessment Committee shall be HUF 20,000,
 - c) the official opponent in a nostrification procedure shall be HUF 25,000.
- (5) Third parties are obligated to pay HUF 5,000 as a document copy fee for a copy of the minutes of the public disputation.

²⁶¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied to comprehensive examinations organised after its effective date.

ANNEX 6/2
FACULTY DOCTORAL REGULATIONS OF THE FACULTY OF
HUMANITIES

THE SCOPE OF THE FACULTY DOCTORAL REGULATIONS

Section 1

The scope of the Faculty Doctoral Regulations (hereinafter: Regulations) shall extend to

- a) the doctoral programmes
- b) the doctoral procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree (PhD) (hereinafter: doctoral procedure) and the awarding of the doctoral degree (PhD),
- c) the national recognition of academic degrees obtained abroad,
- d) students taking part in a doctoral programme,
- e) lecturers and researchers contributing to a doctoral programme,
- f) those assisting in a doctoral programme and doctoral procedure

in the disciplines of philosophy, literature, language and history within the field of humanities at the Faculty of Humanities.

THE DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF HUMANITIES

The Composition of the Doctoral Council of Humanities

Section 2

- (1) ²⁶²The members of the Doctoral Council of Humanities (abbreviated: BDT) shall be:
 - a) the Chair of the BDT
 - b) the Vice-Dean for academic and research management affairs, provided that he/she meets the criteria laid out in point (4). Otherwise, he/she shall take part in the work of the BDT with consultation rights.
 - c) heads of accredited doctoral schools,
 - d) two members not employed by the University in possession of academic degrees, based on the recommendation of the Dean,
 - e) a Doctoral Student enrolled at one of the doctoral schools accredited at the Faculty delegated in accordance with the Bylaws of the University Doctoral Student Union.
- (2) The Chair of the BDT shall be elected by the Faculty Council following their nomination by the Dean.
- (3) The doctoral school councils shall recommend the substitutes for the members representing the doctoral schools, in accordance with their operational regulations. The substitute members with voting rights shall be elected by the Faculty Council and appointed by the Dean. Substitute members elected in this manner shall hold voting rights at the time that they are substituting members of the Council.
- (4) ²⁶³Members and substitute members of the BDT holding voting rights – excluding the member representing Doctoral Students – can be full members, corresponding members or doctors of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences or university professors who meet the criteria pertaining to core members of doctoral schools.

²⁶²Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

²⁶³Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Section 3

- (1) The mandate of the members of the Doctoral Council of Humanities shall last for three years, in line with the mandate of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Humanities.
- (2) The mandates of the members of the BDT shall cease upon
 - a) the expiry of the mandate,
 - b) resignation,
 - c) reasons laid out in Section 5 (2)-(4) of the University Doctoral Regulations or a recall of the member,
 - d) the expiry of the member's employment status,
 - e) the death of the member.
- (3) The recall of the members of the BDT shall be decided on by the Faculty Council based on the recommendation of the Dean.
- (4) The person/entity authorised to nominate members shall put forward a recommendation on the identities of the Chair and members of the Council 30 days prior to the expiry of the mandates of the members of the BDT. In the case laid out in points b)-e) of paragraph (2), the recommendations shall be made within 30 days following the cessation of the mandate.

Section 4²⁶⁴

The following members shall take part in the sessions of the Doctoral Council of Humanities with consultation rights:

- a) the Dean of the Faculty (who may delegate his/her authority – through permanent authorisation – to one of his/her substitutes),
- b) the Chair of the Faculty Doctoral Student Union,
- c) the treasurer of the Faculty,
- d) anyone invited by the Chair based on the recommendation of the BDT.

Operations of the Doctoral Council of Humanities

Section 5²⁶⁵

- (1) The work of the council shall be regulated by its rules of procedure.
- (2) The Doctoral Council of Humanities shall meet at least four times a year or whenever deemed necessary.
- (3) The meetings of the BDT shall be called by its Chair.
- (4) The meetings of the BDT shall be attended by the members with voting rights or the substitute members filling in for them.
- (5) Quorum in the meetings of the BDT requires the attendance of the Chair and more than half of the members with voting rights.
- (6) The BDT shall adopt resolutions by majority vote. Personnel issues shall be decided by secret ballot.
- (7) Those concerned by the decisions taken in the meetings of the BDT shall be notified of said decisions in writing.

²⁶⁴Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

²⁶⁵Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

- (8) ²⁶⁶A minutes shall be prepared on the meetings of the BDT containing the resolutions adopted at the meeting and a summary of the most important issues discussed. The minutes shall be prepared by the secretary of the BDT and approved by its Chair.
- (9) The secretarial tasks of the BDT shall be carried out by the head of the Department of Doctoral and Academic Affairs.

Section 6

The tasks of the Doctoral Council of Humanities shall include in particular:

- a) making a recommendation to the University Doctoral Council (hereinafter: EDT) on
 - aa) the conferment, qualification and withdrawal of the doctoral degree,
 - ab) the conferment of the title of Doctor with Honours,
 - ac) the national recognition of academic degrees obtained abroad,
- b) giving an opinion on applications submitted for the establishment of new doctoral schools and submitting them to the EDT,
- c) making a recommendation to the EDT on the identities of the doctoral schools,
- d) giving an opinion on and approving the declarations of the core members of the doctoral schools,
- e) deciding on
 - ea) ²⁶⁷the initiation of the doctoral procedure,
 - eb) the composition of the committee overseeing the comprehensive examination, its modification and the topics of the comprehensive examination within the framework of the training plans,
 - ec) the identities of the official opponents of the doctoral dissertation, the composition of the Assessment Committee and its potential modification.
- f) making a recommendation on the text of the Faculty doctoral regulations and its modification,
- g) approving the identities of the topic announcers and supervisors and lecturers of the doctoral schools,
- h) making a recommendation to the EDT on
 - ha) the establishment, suspension and cancellation of the doctoral education programmes,
 - hb) the training plans of the doctoral education programmes,
- i) deciding on the identities of the heads of the doctoral education programmes,
- j) in connection with admissions to the doctoral programme
 - ja) deciding on foreign-language doctoral training programmes that can be offered at the doctoral schools,
 - jb) announcing the general conditions of taking part in the doctoral programme,
 - jc) determining the number of Students that can be admitted to doctoral programmes financed by the State of Hungary each year,
 - jd) approving the members of the Admission Committee, je) deciding on admissions to the doctoral programme,
- k) reviewing the operation of the doctoral programme,
- l) deciding on the approval of the work programme of foreign part-time courses and the recognition of results obtained in the part-time programme,
- m) giving an opinion on Student contracts on co-tutelle programmes,

²⁶⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁶⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020.

- n) ²⁶⁸ deciding on Student academic requests and requests pertaining to the doctoral procedure based on individual requests,
- o) giving an opinion on the operational regulations of the doctoral schools,
- p) giving an opinion on the usage of doctoral training appropriations,
- q) appointing and relieving members of the councils of the doctoral schools and submitting them to the EDT for approval,
- r) giving an opinion on the principles and methods of the quality assurance of the doctoral programmes and procedures,
- s) deciding on the identities of the Chairs and members of the committees assisting the work of the BDT as well as ad hoc committees,
- t) ²⁶⁹
- u) deciding on filling up state-financed places that are freed up in the event that the doctoral schools concerned fail to fill them up.

The Doctoral School

Section 7

- (1) The doctoral school is an organisational unit in which doctoral programmes are operated with the aim of preparing the Doctoral Student for the obtainment of the doctoral degree with contributions from a proportionate number of lecturers and researchers employed by one or more institute and department.
- (2) The doctoral schools shall prepare their own organisational and operational regulations for the doctoral programmes and obtainment of doctoral degrees as well as the usage of the finances of the programmes based on the University and Faculty regulations and concerning cooperation with other universities, research institutions and their staff.

Section 8

- (1) All doctoral schools shall prepare their own organisational and operational regulations taking into account the provisions prescribed in the University Doctoral Regulations and the Faculty Doctoral Regulations making up its annexes. The organisational and operational regulations of the doctoral schools shall be approved by the University Doctoral Council based on the opinion of the BDT.
- (2) The operational regulations of the doctoral schools shall cover in particular:
 - a) the name and address of the doctoral school,
 - b) the administration of the doctoral school,
 - c) matters falling under the authority of the council of the doctoral school,
 - d) matters falling under the authority of the head of the doctoral school,
 - e) special conditions pertaining to application and admission to the doctoral school,
 - f) the rules of the admission procedure of the doctoral school and its admission criteria,
 - g) rules pertaining to changing education programmes, topics and/or topic supervisors within the doctoral school,
 - h) rules pertaining to the attendance of seminars,
 - i) criteria pertaining to the fulfilment of the requirements of the doctoral school and its administration,

²⁶⁸ Amended by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020.

²⁶⁹ Repealed by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- j) the method and scheduling of individual course registration,
- k) the conditions of reallocation between state-financed and self-financed programmes,
- l) rules pertaining to the obtainment of credits,
- m) rules pertaining to the recognition of subjects,
- n) the method of registering for exams and the withdrawal of the registrations,
- o) the number of times an unsuccessful exam can be retaken within a given examination period, opportunities for registering for a given subject for a second time over the course of the Student's studies as well as the number of times a Student can attempt an exam in the same subject including his/her second attempt at the subject,
- p) the unique rules pertaining to granting a Student permission to take the comprehensive examination and the passage of the comprehensive examination at the given doctoral school,
- q) the professional requirements for obtaining the doctoral degree, in particular with regard to the literature requirements and the content, formal, length and language requirements pertaining to the doctoral dissertation.

The Head of the Doctoral School

Section 9

The head of the doctoral school shall be elected by the EDT and appointed and/or relieved by the Rector. The mandate of the head of the doctoral school shall last for three years, in harmony with the mandate of the Doctoral Council of Humanities. The mandate of the head of the doctoral school may be extended multiple times.

The Council of the Doctoral School

Section 10

- (1) The head of the doctoral school shall be assisted in his/her work by the council of the doctoral school (hereinafter: DIT).
- (2) The DIT shall consist of a minimum of three members and its Chair shall be the head of the doctoral school. One member of the Doctoral Student Union may take part in the work of the DIT with consultation rights. The delegation of this member shall be regulated by the Bylaws of the University Doctoral Student Union.
- (3) The mandates of the members of the DIT shall last for three years, coinciding with the mandate of the Doctoral Council of Humanities. The rules pertaining to the election of the members of the DIT shall be regulated by the organisational and operational regulations of the doctoral school. The Chair of the DIT shall call a new election 30 days before the expiry of the mandate of the council.
- (4) The members and Chair of the DIT shall be approved by the University Doctoral Council, and their letters of appointment shall be signed by the Chair of the BDT.
- (5) The tasks of the DIT shall include in particular:
 - a) giving an opinion on the establishment of new doctoral education programmes for the BDT,

- b) ²⁷⁰making a recommendation to the BDT on the appointment and dismissal of the heads of the doctoral education programmes,
- c) deciding on the announcement of the approved education programmes,
- d) deciding on the identities of lecturers and topic supervisors as well as the approval of the topics to be announced.
- e) making a recommendation on the composition of the Admission Committee for the BDT,
- f) deciding on the allocation of state-funded places given to the doctoral schools among education programmes,
- g) putting together the training plans of the doctoral education programmes and submitting them to the BDT and initiating their modification,
- h) deciding on the rules pertaining to changing education programmes, topics and topic supervisors within the doctoral school and notifying the Faculty Office on its decision. The DIT may delegate this authority to the head of the doctoral school,
- i) keeping a database of the education programmes of the doctoral school and determining their research areas and keeping the Faculty Office notified of this,
- j) preparing the organisational and operational regulations of the doctoral school and submitting them to the BDT.
- k) ²⁷¹deciding on the reallocation of students between state-funded and self-financed training on the basis of the conditions specified in the Regulations and in the procedure specified therein. The DIT may delegate this authority to the head of the doctoral school.
- l) ²⁷²deciding on the filling of vacant state-funded places, which it may delegate to the head of the doctoral school.

Lecturers of the Doctoral School

Section 11

- (1) Lecturers of the doctoral school shall be professionals with academic qualifications who consistently or for predetermined periods take part in the work of the education work of the doctoral school. The identities of the lecturers and topic supervisors of the doctoral school shall be registered by the administration of the doctoral school in the database of the National Doctoral Council. Uploading the personal and bibliometric data to the database and their maintenance and update at least once a year shall be the responsibility of the lecturers.
- (2) The core members of the doctoral school may take on lecturer and topic supervisory roles in other doctoral schools as well.
- (3) The lecturers and topic supervisors holding at least a PhD degree shall be recommended by the council of the doctoral school and approved by the BDT based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral programme. Topic supervisors may be internal or external lecturers of the doctoral school, dual topic supervision shall also be permitted if deemed academically justified.

Doctoral Education Programme

Section 12

²⁷⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

²⁷¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁷² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (1) Training may also be held in the doctoral education programmes within the doctoral school in line with the research field, and shall be managed by the head of the doctoral education programme.
- (2) The conditions of establishing new doctoral education programmes shall be the following:
 - a) the head of the programme must be a leading lecturer holding at least a PhD degree with ten years of experience as a university lecturer. The head of the programme should preferably be a core member,
 - b) ²⁷³apart from the head of the programme, at least two other professionals/lecturers (who are at least assistant professors) employed full-time by the Faculty shall conduct lecturing duties and act as topic announcers,
 - c) the Master's degree programmes on which the doctoral programme is build shall be indicated,
 - d) the plan for the new education programme shall be assembled based on the accreditation requirements of the Hungarian Accreditation Committee,
 - e) the training plan of the doctoral training programme must be put together,
 - f) ²⁷⁴an ongoing programme must continuously comply with provisions a) and b).
- (3) The decision on the launch of a new doctoral education programme and the approval of the training plan shall be made by the Senate based on the approval of the BDT and the EDT.
- (4) The training plans of the doctoral education programmes shall include in particular
 - a) the number of study units that can be acquired by taking part in the programme,
 - b) the number of study units that can be acquired by taking part in academic and teaching activities,
 - c) the compulsory subjects,
 - d) the compulsory elective subjects,
 - e) the elective subjects.
- (5) ²⁷⁵In the cases of ongoing doctoral programmes, in the event that the position of the head of the programme is vacated due to either the current head's resignation, dismissal or other reasons, the competent doctoral school shall invite vacancy applications to fill the post.
- (6) ²⁷⁶The applications shall be assessed by the Doctoral School Council and shall make a recommendation on the new head of the programme to the BDT.
- (7) ²⁷⁷On the basis of the application process, the new head of the programme shall be appointed for a period of five years. Following the expiration of this period, the work of the programme shall be assessed and a new round of applications shall be invited to fill the position of programme head.
- (8) ²⁷⁸²⁷⁹The current programme heads shall be appointed for five-year periods effective 1 September 2019. Following the expiration of their terms, the provisions laid out in paragraphs (5) and (6) shall be applied.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

²⁷³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁷⁴ Enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁷⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

²⁷⁶ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

²⁷⁷ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

²⁷⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

²⁷⁹ Transitional provision

Section 13

- (1) The doctoral schools shall compile brief written reports on their operation, indicating any changes that have taken place. The report shall be submitted to the Doctoral Council of Humanities by March 31 of each year. The annexes of the report shall include statistics pertaining to the size of the Student body, the obtainment of doctoral degrees based on the data in the Electronic Registration System and the database of the National Doctoral Council along with information regarding the finances of the doctoral schools.
- (2) The BDT may discuss the reports in a special session held in September each year.

DOCTORAL TRAINING

Section 14

- (1) Doctoral training at the Faculty of Humanities may be
 - a) full-time organised programmes financed by the Hungarian state,
 - b) self-financed full-time organised programmes
 - c) self-financed part-time correspondence-based programmes organised with an individually-tailored course schedule,
- (2) The duration of the organised programme shall be 48 months which is broken down into two phases (the training and research phase and the research and dissertation phase). A total of 240 credits must be obtained over the course of the programme. The Doctoral Student may receive the pre-degree certificate if he/she has acquired the 240 credits.
- (3) The duration of the programme organised with an individually-tailored course schedule shall be determined by the council of the doctoral school on the basis of the training plan of the doctoral school. The minimum duration of the programme organised with an individually-tailored course schedule shall be 12 months.
- (4) Pursuant to the goals of the doctoral training, credits may be awarded for
 - a) the pursuit of studies in the doctoral programme (in the training and research phase),
 - b) the acquisition of knowledge necessary for the scientific research and the performance of the teaching and academic organisational tasks (in both phases),
 - c) teaching activities (in both phases).
- (5) The uniform requirements of the credit system of the doctoral programme shall be the following:
 - a) An average number of **30 credits** shall be awarded per semester.
 - b) A total of **240 credits** must be obtained over the course of the doctoral programme.
 - c) One credit shall be the equivalent of the completion of 30 academic hours.
- (6) The outline of the credit system of the doctoral programme shall be the following:

Pursuit of doctoral studies				
8 study units	10 credits	80 credits	Semesters 1-4	33.3%
Consultation				
8 study units	10 credits	80 credits	Semesters 1-8	33.3%
Academic and teaching activity				
3 publications	variable credits	80 credits	Semesters 1-8	33.3%
Academic research and teaching activity (latter worth max. 30 credits) determined by the doctoral school	variable credits			

(7) The link between the aim of the doctoral programme and the credits are the following:

- a) Credits can be awarded for the pursuit of doctoral studies:
- aa) the doctoral course – the Doctoral Student shall take part in the training on a weekly basis and shall participate in the lessons,
 - ab) the consultations – the lecturer shall meet with the Doctoral Student on a regular basis and shall check up on the Student’s progress in the completion of the tasks that have been assigned.

The Doctoral Student shall complete the compulsory 8 study units assigned to him/her within the framework determined by the doctoral teaching programme. A total of 10 credits can be acquired with the completion of one study unit.

Credits can only be awarded if the Student’s performance is approved by the lecturer. The Student may complete the study unit in the form of an oral examination or a written assignment. In both cases, the Student’s performance shall be evaluated on a grading scale of 1-5. Credits may not be awarded for a “fail” (1) grade.

- b) A maximum of one-quarter of the 8 study units to be acquired over the course of the training and research phase of the programme (20 credits) may also be acquired through teaching and academic activities based on the decision of the doctoral schools. In this case, the Student’s performance shall be evaluated on a two-grade scale.

- c) The knowledge to be acquired for the academic research as well as the completion of the teaching and academic organisational tasks are the following:

ca) compulsory assignments:

- the Doctoral Student must prepare at least three academic papers over the course of the programme, at least one of which must deal with the topic of the doctoral dissertation,
- ²⁸⁰the academic papers must be published either in scientific journals in the given field, through book publishers, academically edited web pages. Credits may only be awarded for papers that have been published or for which the Student can provide proof of approval for publication and has been entered into the database of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

cb) elective assignments:

- other research, teaching or academic organisational assignments announced in the curriculum by the doctoral schools/teaching programmes (e.g. compiling a review, editing, giving a lecture in Hungarian or a foreign language at a conference, compiling teaching material, contributing to the

²⁸⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020.

- editing of academic textbooks, editing an academic study volume, organising a conference, gathering data, excavation or field work, museum practice, etc.),
- the doctoral school may allocate varying amounts of credits to the elective research study units in proportion to the amount of work carried out and the performance expected from the Student,
- further papers written apart from the three compulsory ones that are published pursuant to the provisions on compulsory publication.

d) Lecturing assignment:

The course taught by the Doctoral Student must be a course announced in accordance with the curriculum of a Bachelor's, Master's or single-cycle programme. The course may also be a topical lesson coinciding with the curriculum or a special seminar announced to be dealing with the research topic of the Doctoral Student or a language lesson. A total of 10 credits can be obtained for the lecturing assignment (5 credits in the case of language lessons). The practice of announcing courses taught by Doctoral Students shall be the same as those pertaining to course announcements defined in the University and Faculty Regulations.

²⁸¹In the cases of lecturers employed full-time or part-time in higher education, providing verification for the completion of the lectures and recognising them with credits shall be the right and task of the head of the doctoral programme.

e) The academic research and lecturing assignments shall be evaluated on a two-grade scale: "pass/fail". Credits may not be awarded for a "fail" grade.

(8) The Doctoral Student must acquire a minimum of 20 credits over the course of a semester.

a) Credits obtained over the course of an invalid semester may be counted in the total number of credits obtained.

b) A Doctoral Student pursuing studies in a state-financed doctoral programme may keep the status of state-financed Student in the event that he/she obtained 20 credits in his/her last completed semester.

(9) Checking up on the progress of Doctoral Students and compiling reports on Students who fail to fulfil either their obligation to register for the semester or their academic obligations, in particular with regards to Students taking part in a state-financed programme, shall be the task of the doctoral school.

Section 15

(1) Recommendation of the pursuit of doctoral studies with an individually-tailored course schedule referred to in point c) of paragraph (1) in Section 14 may be given to the DIT by the Admission Committee.

(2) The DIT shall recommend the Student's pursuit of doctoral studies under an individually-tailored course schedule to the BDT taking into consideration the following aspects:

a) previously completed doctoral studies,

b) publication history of the last five years,

c) research activities, lecturing activities in higher education,

d) the Candidate's unavailability to carry out lecturing duties on a regular basis.

(3) The decision on granting the Candidate pursue doctoral studies with an individually-tailored course schedule shall be made by the BDT based on the recommendation of the DIT.

²⁸¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (4) The doctoral study plan and schedule needed to begin the programme is laid out in Appendix 1 of the present Regulations. Announcing the courses for the Doctoral Student taking part in a doctoral programme with an individually-tailored course schedule in line with the doctoral study plan and schedule shall be the task of the head of the doctoral programme.
- (5) The Doctoral Student shall submit the doctoral study plan and schedule referred to in paragraph (4) to the secretariat of the doctoral school by no later than September 30 following his/her enrolment. The study plan must be signed by the Doctoral Student, the topic supervisor as well as the heads of the doctoral teaching programme and the doctoral school. A copy of the signed study plan containing the sum of the tuition fee shall be submitted to the Faculty Office by no later than October 5.
- (6) The DIT, at the initiative of the topic supervisor, may recommend to the BDT the withdrawal of the permission to pursue doctoral studies with an individually-tailored course schedule in the event that the Doctoral Student fails to fulfil the obligations laid out in the study plan. Simultaneously to withdrawing the permission, the DIT may recommend that the Doctoral Student should continue his/her studies in a self-financed full-time organised programme. In this case, only the obligations fulfilled in line with the individual study plan may be counted as part of the Student's results.
- (7) No more than one request may be made for the modification of the duration of the studies determined on the basis of the study plan.
- (8) The tuition fee of the Doctoral Student pursuing doctoral studies with an individually-tailored course schedule, taking into consideration the tuition fee determined by the Faculty Council, shall be determined by the head of the doctoral school, and may exceed nor fall short of that tuition fee by more than 20%.

Application, Admission

Section 16

- (1) The conditions of applying to the doctoral school of the Faculty of Humanities shall be the following:
 - a) a Master's degree with a qualification no lower than "Good". Prospective Students in possession of a Master's degree with a qualification of "Satisfactory" may not apply to a doctoral programme any sooner than three years following their graduation at the Master's level. University degrees obtained abroad may be accepted in line with Section 26 (3)-(4) of the University Doctoral Regulations. Applicants who have yet to pass their final examination at the time of the entrance exam for the doctoral programme may also submit their applications, provided that they pass their final exams by no later than July 31 and are able to verify at the time of their enrolment that the qualification of their degree certificate is at least "Good".
 - b) proof of foreign-language proficiency in no less than one language in the form of a complex [type "C"] intermediate level (B2) state-certified language exam or an equivalent certificate.
 - c) ²⁸²Certain doctoral programmes may also require C1 level language proficiency in view of the working language of the programme or other academic considerations, which shall be published as set out in point (4).
- (2) Applicants may only apply for research topics indicated for the given application period on the website of the National Doctoral Council. The Faculty Office shall make sure

²⁸² Enacted by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

that the research topics pertaining to the given application period are indicated on the website by no later than March 1 of the relevant year.

- (3) Applicants who possess a degree certificate required for the application referred to in point a) of paragraph (1) but are taking part in a university/BA/MA programme connected to their topic of choice and fail to pass the final exam by no later than July 31 of the relevant year.
- (4) The various doctoral schools/teaching programmes may set requirements besides the provisions laid out in paragraph (1), which shall be published each year in the Doctoral Guide for Admission and the website of the relevant doctoral school.

Section 17

- (1) ²⁸³Applications for the doctoral programme shall be filed electronically.
- (2) Applications may be submitted over the course of a period of 25 working days starting from the first working day following March 15 of each year.
- (3) ²⁸⁴The Applicant shall attach the following to their electronic application:
 - a) a copy of the university/Master's degree certificate or the degree certificate obtained abroad pursuant to Section 26 (3)-(4) of the University Doctoral Regulations, along with other documents if necessary,
 - b) proof of foreign-language proficiency referred to in point b) of paragraph (1) of Section 16 or an official copy of an equivalent certificate,
 - c) a curriculum vitae,
 - d) a list of publications released by the applicant,
 - e) a brief research topic plan signed by the future topic supervisor.
- (4) Letters of recommendations by professionals may also be attached to the application. Documents required besides the ones listed in paragraph (3) (e.g. thesis, lengthier publications, papers) shall be submitted to the doctoral school.

Section 18

- (1) The entrance examinations shall be held over the course of the last ten working days of May and the first ten working days of June.
- (2) The entrance examination shall consist of an oral hearing.
- (3) The entrance examination shall be held before an admission committee. The Admission Committee shall consist of its Chair and at least two other members. An external expert may also serve on the committee. The admission committees shall be approved by the BDT and appointed by the head of the doctoral programme.
- (4) The head of the doctoral school shall notify the Faculty Office in writing about the exact times and places of the entrance examinations by no later than May 2. The Faculty Office shall notify the applicants in writing and shall publish the relevant information on its website.
- (5) In the cases of international applicants who are not citizens of the European Union, the Dean may grant permission at the approval of the head of the doctoral school to hold the entrance exam at a different time than what is originally specified, but at a date no later than September 1. Entrance exams may not be

²⁸³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in the admission procedure for the 2020/2021 academic year as well.

²⁸⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in the admission procedure for the 2020/2021 academic year as well.

held for Hungarian applicants or international applicants applying to state-funded programmes at any other time besides the official time specified.

- (6) Makeup entrance examinations held at times other than the ones specified may only be held within the time period specified for entrance examinations, provided that such a makeup entrance examination is approved by the head of the doctoral school and an Admission Committee with the same composition as the original one can be assembled.

Section 19

- (1) The requirements taken into consideration when deciding on admissions shall be the following:
 - a) whether the topic in question coincides with the framework of the doctoral teaching programme and its feasibility,
 - b) progress in previous university studies,
 - c) achievements in previous academic work,
 - d) proficiency in more than one foreign language,
 - e) qualification to carry out higher education lecturing duties,
 - f) ability to carry out academic research activity without assistance.
- (2) The minutes compiled on the entrance examination shall include the questions that were asked at the examination along with a brief summary of the applicant's answers. A brief professional opinion on the performance of each candidate shall also be recorded as justification for the admission decision. In the event that an applicant is not admitted, the decision shall be justified taking into account the aspects listed above.

Section 20

- (1) The decision on the admission of the Prospective Student shall be made by the BDT based on the recommendation of the doctoral schools.
- (2) The decisions on the admission of the Prospective Students shall be made individually for each Prospective Student by allocating them to the forms of training listed in Section 14 (1).
- (3) The allocation of the number of Students who may be admitted to state-funded full-time doctoral programmes among the teaching programmes of the doctoral schools shall be determined by the DIT.
- (4) The resolution rejecting an Applicant's admission shall be given a brief justification based on the minutes compiled by the Admission Committee.

Choosing and Changing the Research Topic

Section 21

- (1) Applications may only be filed for the research topics to the topic supervisors indicated for the given application period on the website of the National Doctoral Council. The Admission Committee shall determine the topics of the Applicants recommended for admission and the identities of their topic supervisors in the minutes compiled of the entrance examination. The topic and topic supervisor of the Doctoral Student who has been admitted to and has enrolled at the doctoral school shall be kept track of by the

administration of the doctoral school in the database of the National Doctoral Council and the Electronic Registration System.

- (2) In cases that are academically justified, the Doctoral Student may request that he/she may continue the pursuit of his/her doctoral studies with a different topic or topic supervisor within the same doctoral teaching programme. This shall apply in cases in which there are objective difficulties with researching the given topic or if the Student's topic supervisor is regularly unavailable.
- (3) The selected new supervisor must meet the requirements pertaining to topic supervisors at the time that the request is submitted.
- (4) The selected new topic must be in line with one of the topics announced by the topic supervisor in one of the past five years.
- (5) The Doctoral Student may request a change of topic and/or topic supervisor no later than when he/she submits the application for the comprehensive examination. In the event of the death of the topic supervisor, the DIT shall decide on the appointment of a new topic supervisor with no pre-determined timetable.
- (6) The topic supervisor the Doctoral Student shall resign from his/her duties as topic supervisor no later than by the time the Doctoral Student applies for the comprehensive examination. The topic supervisor shall give a detailed justification for the resignation in writing. The matter is decided on by the DIT and shall simultaneously appoint the new topic supervisor taking into consideration the provisions laid out in paragraph (3). The DIT shall notify the Doctoral Student and the Chair of the BDT by giving a detailed justification for the decision in writing.

Joint Doctoral Programme with a Foreign University (Co-tutelle)

Section 22

- (1) The Doctoral Student may only take part in a joint doctoral programme with a foreign university if he/she has gained admission to both universities in question.
- (2) The Doctoral Student shall be assigned to a topic supervisor at both universities.
- (3) When preparing the contract, the provisions laid out in Rector's/Chancellor's order on contract signing shall be applied. The draft contract contained in the effective Rector's order shall be given priority when signing the contract.
- (4) The contract put together by the foreign university along with its supplements shall be translated into Hungarian and submitted. The non-official translation shall be handed in to the department in charge of the language in question for review and certification.
- (5) The Doctoral Student shall register for each given semester at both institutions.
- (6) The Doctoral Student shall fulfil his/her payment obligations pursuant to the contract or must turn in a request for exemption from payment as laid out in Section 38 (5).
- (7) The Doctoral Student shall provide verification of continued progress in his/her studies at Eötvös Loránd University, take the comprehensive examination at the end of the training and research phase of the programme and must acquire 240 credits by the end of the programme.
- (8) It shall be advised to consult with the topic supervisor and the head of the programme on the study units which the Student registers for over the course of his/her pursuit of studies at the foreign university. This may be any kind of study units, but the Student must register for the given subjects in the Electronic Registration System in all cases. The Student may complete the courses by providing professional verification of the studies completed at the partner institution or on the basis of criteria set by the lecturer in charge of the course (written exam, semester oral exam). In the cases of courses that

require a regular attendance of lessons, the head of the programme must make sure that those courses are announced in the Electronic Registration System in the event that the Student spent the semester in which the course would have been in the schedule according to the curriculum at the foreign university.

- (9) ²⁸⁵The doctoral procedure shall also be initiated at Eötvös Loránd University. A printed copy of the doctoral dissertation, each of the abstracts as well as electronic copies of the dissertation and the abstracts (in PDF/A format) shall be submitted to the Faculty Office.
- (10) All official documents prepared over the course of the procedure shall be translated and the translation must be certified with the signature of the Hungarian topic supervisor.

Partial Studies

Section 23

- (1) The Doctoral Student may pursue partial doctoral studies outside of his/her doctoral school either in Hungary or abroad. Prior to starting the programme, the Doctoral Student pursuing partial studies must submit a work programme approved by his/her topic supervisor which shall ensure the validity of the relevant study period in the training programme of the given doctoral school/teaching programme.
- (2) The work programme shall be approved by the head of the relevant doctoral programme by no later than the start of the examination period of the semester prior to the one in which the Student commences his/her partial studies.
- (3) The Doctoral Student can obtain training, research and teaching credits over the course of his/her partial studies.
- (4) The Doctoral Student must submit a transcript of his/her study unity, with the grades/qualifications preferably converted to ECTS grades.
- (5) The Doctoral Student's student status shall remain valid over the course of the period in which he/she is pursuing partial studies at another institution. The Doctoral Student shall provide proof of having obtained a minimum of 20 credits each semester during the partial studies.
- (6) The Doctoral Student's work programme shall be kept in the doctoral schools and shall submit it to the Faculty Office no later than when the Student's pre-degree certificate request is submitted.
- (7) The Doctoral Student may apply to have training credits obtained at other, domestic or foreign higher education institutions outside his/her own doctoral school/teaching programme recognised. To do so, the Doctoral Student must submit a credit recognition request to the Faculty Office which shall be certified by the head of the doctoral programme beforehand.
- (8) The BDT shall assemble a credit transfer committee for the recognition of training credits the Doctoral Student obtained at other, domestic or foreign higher education institutions outside his/her own doctoral school/teaching programme.
- (9) ²⁸⁶Each doctoral school shall delegate one member to the credit recognition committee. Its Chair shall be the Vice-Dean for academics of the Faculty. Its members shall be lecturers contributing to the doctoral programme who hold at

²⁸⁵ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020.

²⁸⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

least a PhD degree as well as the representative of Doctoral Students. The Chair and members of the credit transfer committee shall be appointed by the Dean based on the decision of the BDT for a period of three years, in line with the mandate of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Humanities.

(10) ²⁸⁷The mandates of the members of the Committee shall cease upon:

- a) the expiry of the mandate,
- b) the resignation of the member,
- c) in the event that the member is permanently unavailable,
- d) a recall of the member (in the event that said member regularly fails to attend sessions of the committee or becomes unworthy of membership); the recall shall be ruled on by the BDT,
- e) the death of the member.

(11) ²⁸⁸The work of the Committee shall be regulated by its rules of procedure

as follows:

- a) the Committee shall request the professional opinion of the competent doctoral school council in writing prior to ruling on Student requests,
- b) the Doctoral Student pursuing studies in an organised programme may acquire no more than 30% of the available training credits via credit transfer,
- c) the DIT shall recommend taking into account previous results of the Doctoral Student participating in a doctoral programme with an individually-tailored course schedule simultaneously to approving the Student's individual study plan; the study plan shall include in detail the number of study units still to be completed broken down into training modules by allocating to them the remaining number of credits to be completed,
- d) the upper limit of credits obtained from doctoral studies not completed at the doctoral schools of the Faculty that can be recognised shall be 120.

(12) ²⁸⁹The secretary of the Committee shall be delegated by the Department of Doctoral and Academic Affairs.

Partial Studies Pursued by a Doctoral Student Arriving From Another University

Section 24

- (1) Reception of Doctoral Students applying to the doctoral school of the Faculty for partial studies shall be decided on by the DIT. The DIT may delegate this authority to the head of the doctoral school.
- (2) The head of the doctoral school shall issue a document to the Doctoral Student arriving from another university pursuing partial studies verifying his/her completed study units, their credit values and grades received for them. The document shall include a brief description of the courses completed and registered for in English or another foreign language.

Academic Year Calendar

Section 25

²⁸⁷Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

²⁸⁸Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

²⁸⁹Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

- (1) The study period shall incorporate the research period of the Doctoral Student.
- (2) Research activity carried out outside the study period may be registered for and submitted for recognition by the Doctoral Student during the course registration period of the subsequent semester.
- (3) The Faculty Office shall publish the academic year calendar – with special regard to the registration and course registration periods – before each semester at least 30 days prior to the start of the registration period on the website of the Faculty.
- (4) ²⁹⁰The Doctoral Student shall have an obligation to comply with deadlines. Failure to meet deadlines shall be met with an obligation to pay a late fee, whose sum is determined by Eötvös Loránd University’s Academic Regulations for Students (HKR) on the basis of Section 87 (6) of the present Regulations.

Enrolment

Section 26

- (1) The Doctoral Student who has been admitted to the doctoral programme shall enrol for his/her first academic semester by September 15 at the Faculty Office. The Student may enrol in person or through a representative. Failure to enrol by the deadline shall not be accepted even at the request of the Student.
- (2) ²⁹¹Doctoral Students who had yet to present documents required for enrolment (original copy of the degree certificate, proof of foreign-language proficiency, proof of payment of the application fee) shall present them at the time of enrolment. Students who fail to present their original documents shall not be permitted to enrol for the programme.
- (3) Matters in connection with the Doctoral Student’s student identification card shall be handled at the Quaestura office.
- (4) Following enrolment, the doctoral teaching programmes shall hold orientation sessions for Doctoral Students who have enrolled for their first academic year. At these sessions, Doctoral Students are to be informed in detail about the academic obligations the Students commit to by enrolling in the programme.

Registration, Course Registration

Section 27

- (1) ²⁹²Following the Student’s initial enrolment in the programme in person, the Student shall be obligated to register for each study period in the Electronic Registration System by confirming whether he/she wishes to pursue or suspend his/her studies in the given semester. With adequate justification, the Student may register for the semester in person at the Faculty Office on the week following the expiry of the registration period but shall be obligated to pay a special processing fee. No further opportunities for registration (for an active semester) shall be provided.
- (2) The Doctoral Student shall indicate the courses he/she plans to complete, including courses to be completed as part of the scientific and teaching study units in the Electronic Registration System in the course registration period of each semester. The Student shall not be granted permission to register for courses following the expiry of

²⁹⁰ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁹¹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁹² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

the deadline. Courses shall be announced by the doctoral teaching programme. Education management duties of the doctoral teaching programmes shall be aided by the secretaries of the doctoral schools.

Interruption of Studies

Section 28

- (1) Doctoral Students who have gained admission to the doctoral programme may choose to postpone the commencement of their studies by two semesters.
- (2) The Student wishing to postpone his/her studies must enrol at the beginning of the first semester simultaneously to declaring his/her intention to postpone his/her studies. The student status shall be established with the Student's enrolment, Students who fail to enrol shall not be permitted to begin their studies. Students who fail to enrol may only commence the programme by re-applying and completing a second admission procedure.
- (3) Doctoral studies may not be commenced in cross semesters.
- (4) Over the course of their studies, Doctoral Students shall have the right to postpone their studies for a period no longer than two consecutive semesters. The interruption of the studies must be confirmed in the Electronic Registration System.
- (5) ²⁹³Permission for a third (or any additional) passive semester(s) shall be subject to a request for Dean's Equity.

The Comprehensive Examination

Section 29

- (1) The comprehensive examination shall be an assessment of the Student's lexical knowledge acquired over the course of the training and research phase of the doctoral programme and level of preparedness for the dissertation phase of the programme.
- (2) The comprehensive examination is composed of two main parts. The theoretical part shall assess the examinee's lexical knowledge, while in the dissertation part, the examinee shall give account of his/her progress in her academic research.
- (3) The time and date of the comprehensive examinations, the theoretical subjects and topics coinciding with the research topics concerning the individual examinees and the compositions of the examination boards shall be decided by the BDT based on the proposals put forward by the doctoral school councils.
- (4) In the theoretical part of the comprehensive examination, the examinee shall be tested on a main and a secondary topic. The main topic shall concern the comprehensive disciplinary contexts of the doctoral dissertation being written by the examinee, while the secondary topic shall be determined by the council of the doctoral school at the time of the Doctoral Student's application for the comprehensive examination.
- (5) In the dissertation part of the exam, the examinee shall present his/her progress in her research concerning the doctoral dissertation in the form of a lecture.
- (6) ²⁹⁴At the time of applying for the comprehensive examination, the Student must submit a paper relating to the topic of the dissertation in the length of at least two author's sheets and must provide proof of his/her participation in the digital humanities workshop organised for doctoral students.

²⁹³ Enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁹⁴ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

- (7) Further provisions on the lecture and paper to be submitted by the Student are laid out in the organisational and operational regulations of the doctoral schools.
- (8) The comprehensive examination shall be taken in public, before an examination board of the following composition:
- a) the comprehensive examination board shall be composed of at least three members, one third of whom do not have neither a full-time nor part-time employment status with the University, nor do they work as appointed lecturers or have researcher status with the University,
 - b) the Chair of the comprehensive examination board shall be a professor, professor emeritus or habilitated associate professor of the institution, its members shall be lecturers or researchers at the University holding at least a PhD or an equivalent degree,
 - c) the external member of the board shall be required to have a PhD or an equivalent degree,
 - d) the topic supervisor of the Doctoral Student may be present at the comprehensive examination, but may not participate as an examiner, nor may he/she take part in the evaluation of the Student.
- (9) The comprehensive examinations shall be held during the examination period. The comprehensive examinations shall be announced and organised by the doctoral schools in the Electronic Registration System with the contributions of the secretaries of the doctoral schools. Detailed regulations regarding the organisation of the comprehensive examinations are laid out in the organisational and operational regulations of the doctoral schools.
- (10) ²⁹⁵ Doctoral Students must apply for the comprehensive exam held in the autumn examination period by March 31 of the relevant year and for the comprehensive exam held in the winter examination period by October 31 of the relevant year by handing in an application form to the Faculty Office.
- (11) A minutes should be prepared on the comprehensive examination.
- (12) ²⁹⁶ The examinee's performance in terms of the theoretical subjects of the comprehensive examination shall be evaluated by the examination board on a two-grade scale (pass, fail) and the research summary and paper on a two-grade scale (pass, fail).
- (13) ²⁹⁷²⁹⁸²⁹⁹ In the event that the examinee receives a "fail" grade for all of the subjects of the exam, the examinee may sit for a retake exam in this (these) subject(s) on the day set aside for retake examinations within the same examination period.
- (14) ³⁰⁰³⁰¹ The combined result of the comprehensive examination shall be marked by the examination board on a two-grade scale (pass, fail).
- (15) The Candidate shall be notified of the result of the comprehensive examination verbally by the Chair of the examination board. Rules pertaining to the retake of the comprehensive examination are laid out in Section 54 (4)-(5) of the University Doctoral Regulations.
- (16) The minutes and documentation of the comprehensive examination shall be submitted to the Chair of the examination board through the Faculty Office. The filled

²⁹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April 2020.

²⁹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020 (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁹⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective on the first day of the first comprehensive exam period following the amendment.

²⁹⁸ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

²⁹⁹ Amended by Senate resolution CCXLIX/2016. (XII. 12.) on the amendment to the annex to the University Doctoral Regulations pertaining to the Faculty of Humanities. Effective December 12, 2016.

³⁰⁰ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

³⁰¹ Amended by Senate resolution CCXLIX/2016. (XII. 12.) on the amendment to the annex to the University Doctoral Regulations pertaining to the Faculty of Humanities. Effective December 12, 2016.

out and signed minutes along with the documentation shall be sent back to the Faculty Office within three working days following the day of the comprehensive examination.

Completion of the Doctoral Studies

Section 30

- (1) The issuance of the pre-degree certificate (absolutorium) shall be initiated by the head of the doctoral school at the Faculty Office at the request of the Doctoral Student.
- (2) ³⁰²The pre-degree certificate must be requested no later than within 60 days of the Student's fulfilment of his/her academic obligations (obtainment of 240 credits) by filling out the pre-degree certificate request form. In the cases of requests that are submitted after the deadline, the Faculty Office shall issue the pre-degree certificate taking into consideration the date of the last semester the Student has registered for and completed.
- (3) ³⁰³The pre-degree certificate shall be issued by the Faculty Office and entered into the Electronic Registration System.

The Research Centre Disputation

Section 30/A³⁰⁴

- (1) Prior to its submission, a research centre (workplace) disputation shall be held on the doctoral dissertation for the purpose of its preliminary academic evaluation. The research centre disputation shall be organised by the doctoral programme in question with the involvement of the department (institute) or research group in charge of the topic.
- (2) The research centre disputation is to be held at least 90 days prior to the planned submission of the dissertation or the deadline required by the regulations so that the results of the disputation can be incorporated into the dissertation. The 90-day deadline for the preparation of the written professional recommendations of assessment committee involved in the research centre disputation can be cut to no less than 30 days in justified cases.
- (3) The research centre disputation can be held any time from the start of the research and dissertation phase once the topic supervisor determines that the dissertation is complete enough for the disputation to be held.
- (4) The topic supervisor and the head of the programme shall organise the research centre disputation together with the department/institute or research group in charge of the topic. Two or three pre-opponents are to be appointed for the research centre disputation, who should preferably be an instructor in the doctoral training programme and, if possible, an instructor not employed by the University. A doctoral student is also recommended to be appointed as a pre-opponent. The pre-opponents (with the exception of the doctoral student) must hold academic degrees. The pre-opponents with

³⁰² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁰³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁰⁴Section and preceding header enacted by Senate Resolution CCVII/2022. (X. 10.). Effective October 11, 2022.

academic degrees can also be members of the defence committee involved in the public disputation (including as opponents).

- (5) The manuscript of the dissertation submitted for a research centre disputation shall be made available (digitally and/or in print form) to the staff of the department in charge of the topic in question, the students of the given doctoral programme as well as experts of the topic and others interested in it.
- (6) A minutes should be prepared about the disputation in three copies. One copy shall be kept by the candidate, one by the head of the programme and one shall be sent to the Faculty Office within five days following the disputation and to the head of the doctoral school in electronic form.

THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE³⁰⁵

Conditions of Obtaining the Doctoral Degree

Section 31

- (1) The conditions of obtaining the doctoral degree shall be the following:
 - a) obtainment of the absolutorium concluding the doctoral training,
 - b) preparation of the doctoral dissertation,
 - c) preparation of the abstracts on the topic research methods and results of the doctoral dissertation,
 - d) ³⁰⁶two language proficiency certificates of at least intermediate level (B2) of which one is to be a proof of a complex (type C) language exam and the other a 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, as prescribed in paragraph (2).
 - e) ³⁰⁷The BDT shall accept proofs of proficiency in languages specified in point d) of which at least intermediate-level (B2) language examination can be taken in the examination system and examination centre of the Educational Authority's Accreditation Centre for Foreign Language Examination, or at a foreign language examination centre;
 - f) publication of no less than three academic papers in accordance with point ca) of Section 14 (7) of the present Regulations,
 - g) uploading the academic publications to the bibliographic database of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter: HAS bibliographic database) pursuant to Rector's order on the register of the publications of the University,
 - h) taking part in the research centre disputation,
 - i) defending the doctoral dissertation in a public disputation.
- (2) ³⁰⁸Proof of proficiency in a second foreign language required for the obtainment of the doctoral degree may be provided as follows:
 - a) proof of foreign-language proficiency in the form of a complex intermediate level (B2) state-certified (or equivalent) language exam certificate,

³⁰⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁰⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020. To be applied in the procedures following its entry into force.

³⁰⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020. To be applied in the procedures following its entry into force.

³⁰⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date. Last sentence repealed by Senate Resolution LII/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

- b) proof of foreign-language proficiency in the form of a complex advanced level (C1) state-certified (or equivalent) language exam certificate,
- c) proof of foreign-language proficiency in the form of an intermediate language exam certificate obtained over the course of previous studies at the Faculty's foreign-language lectorate,
- d) proof of foreign-language proficiency in the form of an intermediate level (B2) state-certified (or equivalent) oral language exam certificate,
- e) proof of foreign-language proficiency in the form of an intermediate level (B2) state-certified (or equivalent) language exam certificate in writing,
- f) proof of foreign-language proficiency in the form of an advanced level (C1) state-certified (or equivalent) oral language exam certificate,
- g) proof of foreign-language proficiency in the form of an advanced level (C1) state-certified (or equivalent) language exam certificate in writing,
- h) ³⁰⁹in the case of languages other than English, a so-called PhD language proficiency exam administered by the Faculty's foreign language departments, aimed at assessing the ability to understand academic texts in a foreign language,

Language exam certificates other than the types listed above shall not be accepted.

(2a) ³¹⁰

(2b) ³¹¹The doctoral school councils, on the basis of an individual assessment (application), may also accept other language examination documents or higher education studies (at least four semesters of a living or extinct language) considered its equivalent as proof of proficiency in the second language required for obtaining a degree.

(3) The document providing proof of proficiency in a second foreign language shall be submitted to the Faculty Office no later than at the time of submitting the doctoral dissertation.

(4) The interior cover page of the doctoral dissertation shall include:

- a) the names of the University and the Faculty,
- b) the names of the doctoral school, teaching programme and its heads complete with their academic qualifications,
- c) the name of the author,
- d) the title of the dissertation,
- b) the name and academic qualification of the topic supervisor,
- c) the composition of the official Assessment Committee complete with the academic qualifications of its members,
- d) the year of submission.

(5) The exterior cover page of the doctoral dissertation shall include:

- a) the title "Doctoral (PhD) Dissertation",
- b) the name of the author,
- c) the title of the dissertation,
- d) the year of submission

(6) The "Declaration Form" contained in Annex 5 of the University Doctoral Regulations shall be attached to the dissertation.

(7) ³¹²At the time of submitting the dissertation, the Doctoral Student must also attach to it a written statement from the topic supervisor declaring that the dissertation may be subject to the doctoral procedure. The Doctoral Candidate may not submit the dissertation without said statement. In the event that the topic supervisor does not recommend submitting the dissertation, the Doctoral Candidate may withdraw from the doctoral procedure or may choose to carry on with it. Should the Candidate choose to withdraw from the doctoral procedure,

³⁰⁹Enacted by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

³¹⁰ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed June 27, 2023.

³¹¹ Enacted by Senate Resolution LII/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

³¹² Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

he/she must announce his/her intention to do so to the BDT. In this case, the BDT shall terminate the doctoral procedure.

(8) ³¹³The doctoral dissertation shall be turned in within three academic years following the completion of the comprehensive examination. The aforementioned deadline may be given an extension of no more than one academic year in cases warranting special equity. The ruling on the written request of the Doctoral Candidate shall

be made by the BDT. The request may be submitted prior to the expiry of the deadline prescribed for the submission of the dissertation. The Candidate shall attach to the request the documents detailing the special personal reason for the need to extend the deadline along with a statement of approval by the topic supervisor.

(9) ³¹⁴The doctoral dissertation shall be submitted in 1 hard-bound and 2 spiral-bound copies. One further electronic copy in PDF/A format must also be submitted. The printed and electronic versions of the dissertation must be identical. The dissertation's bibliography must include the DOI IDs of the documents referenced wherever possible.

(10) ³¹⁵Prior to the submission of the printed and electronic versions of the doctoral dissertation and its abstracts, the author of the dissertation shall apply for a DOI ID from the faculty office by filling out and submitting the "Declaration Form" found in Annex 5 of the EDSZ.

(11) ³¹⁶The doctoral dissertation and its abstracts shall be submitted together with a signed copy of the applicant's "Declaration Form", but as a separate document in a separate file.

(12) ³¹⁷Information on the documents to be submitted in addition to the doctoral dissertation can be found on the website of the Faculty Office.

Section 32³¹⁸

Exclusion of members of the (comprehensive examination, assessment) committees contributing to the doctoral procedure appointed by the BDT may only be requested by the Doctoral Candidate or the members themselves via written requests with objective justification.

Decision on the Initiation of the Doctoral Procedure

Section 33

(1) ³¹⁹The request for the initiation of the doctoral procedure and its annexes shall be submitted to the Faculty Office in two copies.

(2) ³²⁰The request for the initiation of the doctoral procedure may be submitted starting from the day of the issuance of the pre-degree certificate and up until the semester prior to the deadline for the submission of the dissertation.

(3) The Doctoral Student shall attach to the request

- a) the doctoral pre-degree certificate,
- b) proof of foreign language proficiency,
- c) a curriculum vitae and a list of publications printed out from the HAS bibliographic database,

³¹³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

³¹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

³¹⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

³¹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

³¹⁷ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

³¹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³¹⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³²⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- d) a statement from the applicant's topic supervisor declaring that the applicant's publications fulfil the requirements laid out in the operational regulations of the doctoral school,
 - e) a topic outline,
 - f) ³²¹
 - g) ³²²a statement by the applicant declaring that he/she does not have any pending doctoral procedures in the same discipline.
- (4) The decision on the approval of the request shall be made by the BDT, and shall provide detailed justification in the event that it rejects the request.

The Public Disputation

Section 34

- (1) The Assessment Committee shall be comprised of five members and a maximum of two substitute members. One-third of the members of the Committee, but no less than two members shall be persons who do not have either a full-time or part-time employment status, appointed lecturer or research status with the University.
- (2) Officially appointed opponents shall also be members of the Assessment Committee holding voting rights.
- (3) The head of the Committee shall be a professionally qualified professor or professor emeritus of the University.
- (4) At least one of the officially appointed opponents shall be a person who does not have either a full-time or part-time employment status, appointed lecturer or research status with the University.
- (5) The official opponents are appointed by the Chair of the BDT following the submission of the dissertation simultaneously to sending them the dissertation.
- (6) ³²³Following the submission of the dissertation, the Chair of the Assessment Committee and two further members are notified by the Chair of the BDT of their membership on the Assessment Committee simultaneously to sending them the dissertation. The Chair of the BDT may send the notification and the copy of the dissertation electronically.
- (7) Prior to putting forward the recommendation on the composition of the Assessment Committee, the head of the doctoral school/teaching programme shall consult the proposed members on their potential acceptance of membership on the Committee.

Section 35

- (1) Opinions of the official opponents on the dissertation shall be sent to the applicant no later than within 15 days of the receipt of both opinions.
- (2) The date of the public disputation shall be set to more than 15 days following the applicant's submission of his/her responses to the opponent's opinions but within 60 days of the submission of the responses, taking into account the deadlines laid out in paragraphs (1), (4) and (7).
- (3) Public disputations may not be held in July or August.

³²¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

³²² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³²³ Last sentence enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

- (4) The Doctoral Candidate's written responses to the opponent opinions shall be sent to the Faculty Office within a 15-day period.
- (5) The deadline specified in paragraph (2) may only be extended in justified cases at the written request of the Doctoral Candidate and the permission of the head of the doctoral school. Following the extension, the public disputation may be postponed by a further 30 days.
- (6) The public disputation may be postponed by 30 days in the event that the Candidate or members of the Assessment Committee are objectively unavailable. Those concerned must notify the Faculty Office of their unavailability in writing.
- (7) ³²⁴The Chair of the Assessment Committee and its members shall be notified of the time and place of the public disputation by the Chair of the BDT through the Faculty Office. The notification (invitation) may be sent via e-mail with all the necessary annexes attached.
The opponents' opinions, the Candidate's answer(s), the abstract booklet, the Candidate's curriculum vitae and a list of the publications written by the Candidate as well as the script of the public disputation shall be attached to the members' letters of appointment. The members of the Assessment Committee shall receive their official letters of appointment no later than 15 days prior to the disputation. The times and locations of the public disputations shall be published on the website of the Faculty.
- (8) The Faculty Office shall publish the time and place of the public disputation on its own website as well as in the database of the National Doctoral Council.
- (9) The Doctoral Candidate shall invite to the disputation notable experts and representatives of the given field with the abstracts of the dissertation attached to the invitation.
- (10) The dissertation of the Candidate must be made accessible to anyone interested in it no later than ten working days prior to the date of the public disputation.

Section 36

- (1) At least one official opponent and three further Assessment Committee members holding voter rights must be present at the public disputation apart from the Chair of the Committee. In the event that one of the official opponents indicates that he/she will be unavailable for the disputation, he/she shall declare in writing prior to the disputation whether or not he/she accepts the response given by the Doctoral Candidate to the critique. The statement written by the opponent shall be sent to the Chair of the Assessment Committee and attached to the documentation of the disputation.
- (2) ³²⁵Following the conclusion of the disputation, the Assessment Committee shall evaluate the Candidate's performance in a closed-door meeting.
- (3) Following the announcement of the date of the public disputation, in the event that one of the members of the Assessment Committee announce their unavailability, and there are no more or no substitute members appointed to fill the role, the Chair of the BDT shall co-opt a new member based on a written recommendation by the head of the doctoral school.
- (4) The Doctoral Candidate must respond to the opponent opinions in writing. An opponent rejecting the Candidate's dissertation shall be invited to the public disputation as a voting member of the Assessment Committee. Said opponent shall present his/her

³²⁴ Second sentence enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

³²⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in ongoing procedures as well.

critique in person, or in the event that the opponent is unavailable, the critique shall be presented by the secretary of the Committee.

- (5) Taking into consideration the point distribution format laid out in Section 69 (7) of the University Doctoral Regulations, the qualification of the public disputation shall be:
- a) “Summa Cum Laude” if the Candidate earns between 90%-100% of the maximum amount of points available,
 - b) “Cum Laude” if the Candidate earns between 75%-89% of the maximum amount of points available,
 - c) “Rite”, if the Candidate earns between 60%-74% of the maximum amount of points available,
 - d) “Insufficenter”, if the Candidate fails to earn 60% of the maximum number of points available.

Conferment of the Doctoral Degree

³²⁶³²⁷Section 37

When conferring the doctoral degree, the BDT shall put forward a recommendation to the EDT via secret vote on the conferment of the degree and its qualification after taking into consideration the combined result of the comprehensive examination and the public disputation.

DOCTORAL STUDENT BURSARIES AND FEES

Section 38

- (1) The payment of the scholarships awarded to Doctoral Students shall be handled by the Quaestura office.
- (2) The sums of the tuition fee and other payment obligations shall be determined by the Faculty Council based on the recommendation of the BDT, no later than at its December session each year.
- (3) ³²⁸The titles and sum of the special processing fee shall be determined by the Academic Regulations for Students (HKR) on the basis of Section 87 (6) or the present Regulations.
- (4) The deadline for paying the tuition fee shall be October 31 and March 31.
- (5) The Doctoral Students may submit applications for exemption from paying tuition, lowering the tuition fee or permission to pay the fee in instalments on the grounds of social circumstances. The applicant shall admit the following documents as referenced in the application:
 - a) proof of income (tax authority statement/job income/pension slip, etc.),
 - b) children’s birth certificates,
 - c) a statement issued by a local authority of multiple persons living in one household.The applications shall be submitted by October 1 in the autumn semester and by March 1 in the spring semester to the Faculty Office. The application shall be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty. The applications shall be assessed by an ad hoc committee appointed by the Dean, which shall be chaired by the Dean and one of its members shall

³²⁶ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

³²⁷ Amended by Senate resolution CCXLIX/2016. (XII. 12.) on the amendment to the annex to the University Doctoral Regulations pertaining to the Faculty of Humanities. Effective December 12, 2016.

³²⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

be a member delegated by the Doctoral Student Union. The committee shall not assess applications that arrive after the expiry of the deadline or do not contain the required attachments. Equity requests may not be filed in connection with the aforementioned rule. Tuition that is lowered shall be lowered for one semester and shall apply solely to the Doctoral Student in question, i.e. institutions that take over the Student in question shall not be entitled to exemptions from paying tuition, tuition reductions or the right to pay the tuition in instalments.

- (6) Doctoral Students taking part in self-financed programmes may be eligible for tuition reduction if they are, in particular, in the full-time employment of the Faculty of Humanities of Eötvös Loránd University, provided that they submit the required application.
- (7) Doctoral Students taking part in more than one form of training simultaneously may submit a request of equity for the reduction of the tuition fee by the deadline specified in paragraph (6).
- (8) The final deadline for the payment of the final instalment of the tuition fee as approved based on the request submitted by the Doctoral Student, shall be the last day of the study period.
- (9) ³²⁹Students who fail to meet the deadline for paying the tuition fee in a single sum specified in paragraph (5) may fulfil their payment obligations against the payment of a processing fee.
- (10) Students who fail to pay the tuition fee by the deadline specified in paragraph (5) shall provide proof of their payments at the Faculty Office by the first day of the examination period by presenting a proof of bank transfer.
- (11) Students who fail to comply with their payment obligations may not receive grades in the relevant examination period.
- (12) The tuition fee and other payment obligations shall be paid via the Electronic Registration System or against the invoice issued by Eötvös Loránd University.
- (13) ³³⁰Revenue from tuition fees and processing fees shall constitute the revenues of the Faculty of Humanities. The revenue amount and its title of use shall be determined in the Faculty's annual budget which shall be passed by the Faculty Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND HONORARIA DUE TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION AND THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE

Section 39³³¹

- (1) Committee members contributing to the comprehensive examination and the dissertation defence shall be entitled to honoraria as well as coverage of travel expenses (provided that their place of residence is outside of Budapest).
- (2) The circle of those eligible for honoraria as well as the sum of the honoraria shall be determined by the Dean of the Faculty (in collaboration with the Faculty Finance Office) by 31 January of each year.
- (3) The circle of those eligible for honoraria as well as the sum of the honoraria established for the given year shall be valid through 31 January of the subsequent year.

³²⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³³⁰ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³³¹ Section and preceding sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Amended provisions to be applied starting September 1, 2020, while the circle of those eligible for honoraria and the sum of the honoraria is to be determined by July 31, 2020.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF DEGREES OBTAINED ABROAD

Section 40

Apart from the elements listed in Section 90 (3), the request shall have the following attachments:

- a) a curriculum vitae,
- b) a list of publications released by the Student,
- c) a copy of the university degree certificate,
- d) ³³²
- e) a copy of the doctoral dissertation.

Section 41³³³

³³² Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

³³³ Section and preceding sub-heading repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

APPENDIX 1
STUDY PLAN AND SCHEDULE TABLE

Student's name:

Doctoral School:

Educational Programme:

Topic of the doctoral dissertation:

Recommendation for the recognition of the completion of studies and corresponding credits:

Credits obtained through training

Completed study unit	Corresponding study unit in programme's list of study units	Credit value	Institution where studies were completed	Doctoral school signature

Credits obtained through academic research and teaching

Completed study unit	Corresponding study unit in programme's list of study unity	Credit value	Location at which research / teaching was done, publication details	Doctoral school signature

Total credit value:

Number of credits obtained and recognised in doctoral training:

Number of credits obtained and recognised through research and teaching activity:

Schedule of studies broken down into semesters (including credits to be obtained through research and teaching activity):

First semester

Study unit/course name	Credits	Method of completion, exemptions if applicable

Second semester

Study unit/course name	Credits	Method of completion, exemptions if applicable

Third semester

Study unit/course name	Credits	Method of completion, exemptions if applicable

Fourth semester

Study unit/course name	Credits	Method of completion, exemptions if applicable

Tuition fee sum: (HUF).....

Date:.....

Signatures:

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Head of the Programme

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Topic supervisor

.....
Head of the Doctoral School

ANNEX 6/3
FACULTY DOCTORAL REGULATIONS OF THE FACULTY OF
INFORMATICS

THE DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF INFORMATICS

Section 1

- (1) ³³⁴The six members and Chair of the Doctoral Council of Informatics (hereinafter: IDT) as a member shall be elected by the Faculty Council through secret vote based on the recommendation of the doctoral school and shall be appointed members of the IDT by the Dean. A further member of the IDT shall be a Doctoral Student who has a student status with the Doctoral School of Informatics in accordance with the Bylaws of the University Doctoral Student Union.
- (2) ³³⁵The Chair of the IDT shall be recommended by the Dean from among its members and approved by the Faculty Council. The Dean may seek the opinion of the Doctoral School Council for the recommendation.
- (3) The IDT shall elect a Vice-Chair from among its members employed by the University at its inaugural meeting. The Vice-Chair shall perform the functions of the Chair in the event that the latter is unavailable.
- (4) ³³⁶The heads of the doctoral programmes are members of the Doctoral Council of Informatics.
- (5) The mandate of the members of the IDT shall last for four years.
- (6) ³³⁷The IDT shall meet every three months or as deemed necessary. The meetings of the IDT shall be called by the Chair, but sessions may also be initiated by the head of any doctoral programme. In such cases, meetings of the IDT shall be called within 14 days. The Department of Academic and International Relations of the Faculty of Informatics (TNKCs) shall guarantee the administrative operating conditions for the work of the IDT and shall fulfil administrative duties.
- (7) Quorum in the meeting of the IDT requires the presence of more than half of the council's members, including the Chair or the Vice-Chair. The IDT shall pass resolutions by majority vote. In the case of a tie, the deciding vote shall be cast by the Chair. A minutes shall be prepared on the meetings of the council, copies of which shall be sent to the Chair of the University Doctoral Council (EDT) as well as members of the IDT within 15 days following the meeting in question.

FUNCTIONS OF THE DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF INFORMATICS

Section 2

- (1) Apart from those laid out in Section 11 of the University Doctoral Regulations, the functions of the IDT shall be:

³³⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³³⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³³⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³³⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- a) ³³⁸management and oversight of the doctoral trainings of the Faculty of Informatics as well as ensuring constant and smooth cooperation between the doctoral programmes, the Faculty and the EDT,
 - b) annual review of the use of the funds of the doctoral programme.
- (2) The IDT shall delegate the authorities laid out in points n), p) and w) of Section 11 (1) of the University Doctoral Regulations to the head of the doctoral school.

THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Section 3

The doctoral school shall be the organisation form of the organised and individual doctoral training organised at the university which carries out doctoral training preparing candidates for the obtainment of doctoral degrees. The doctoral school carries out its tasks within the framework of one or more doctoral programmes. The head of the doctoral school shall be responsible for the educational duties and academic quality of the activities of the doctoral school. The body established to assist the head of the doctoral school and manage the doctoral school shall be the Doctoral School Council. The Chair of the Doctoral School Council is the head of the doctoral school.

THE HEAD OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Section 4

Apart from those laid out in Section 15 of the University Doctoral Regulations, the tasks of the head of the doctoral school shall include:

- a) making a recommendation for the termination of the student status of the Doctoral Student in line with the provisions laid out in Section 59 (1) of Nftv,
- b) making a recommendation to the doctoral school council about the compositions of the comprehensive examination board, the Assessment Committee, the subjects of the comprehensive examination and the identities of the official opponents.

THE COUNCIL OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS

³³⁹Section 5

- (1) The Chair of the Council of the Doctoral School of Informatics (hereinafter: DOIT) is the head of the doctoral school.
- (2) The recommended headcount of the Council of the Doctoral School of Informatics is 10-15 members. The heads of the doctoral programmes of the doctoral school shall be official members of the Council.
- (3) Beyond those laid out in Section 16 of the University Doctoral Regulations, the tasks of the DOIT shall be the following:
 - a) managing and monitoring the doctoral training taking place in the doctoral programmes of the doctoral school,

³³⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³³⁹ Section and preceding sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- b) initiating the establishment of new doctoral programmes by the IDT and making a recommendation on the identity of the head of the doctoral programme,
- c) making a recommendation on new doctoral programmes and the modification of existing ones to the Doctoral Council of Informatics by no later than March 31,
- d) putting together and passing the doctoral training programme in detail, which includes the valid training plans, subjects, the names of topic supervisors and lecturers and submitting it to the Doctoral Council of Informatics,
- e) making a recommendation to the IDT on the compositions of the admission committees, the comprehensive examination boards, comprehensive examination subjects, the composition of the Assessment Committees and the identities of the official opponents,
- f) making recommendations to the IDT on granting permission to applicants not taking part in doctoral programmes to take the comprehensive examination on the basis of a habitus investigation,
- g) organising and overseeing the admission procedure. The council shall make recommendation to the IDT on the applicants who should be admitted to the doctoral school (doctoral programmes) to state-funded, self-funded programmes or individually-tailored programmes,
- h) deciding on the matter of the Doctoral Student changing topics or topic supervisors based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral programme,
- i) deciding on the allocation of funds available to the doctoral school for the doctoral programmes and keeping a record of the use of said funds with the assistance of the Dean's Office,
- j) determining the set of foreign languages to be recognised along with the ones required for the study of the various disciplines,
- k) preparing the operational regulations of the doctoral school,
- l) ³⁴⁰
- m) the Council of the Doctoral School of Informatics shall meet regularly, but at least once every three months,
- n) preparing the minutes of the meetings of the Council of the Doctoral School of Informatics, copies of which are to be forwarded to the Chair of the IDT.

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DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

Section 6³⁴²

- (1) The academic and educational activities of the doctoral training organised within the doctoral programmes shall be managed by the head of the doctoral programme, who shall be a core member of the doctoral school.
- (2) The training plan of the doctoral programmes shall contain the research programmes (topics) and educational activities approved by the Council of the Doctoral School of Informatics and the IDT. Lecturers and topic supervisors in the doctoral programme may be instructors or researchers approved by the IDT and the DOIT.
- (3) The academic work of the Doctoral Student within the doctoral programme shall be managed and overseen by the topic supervisor. In the event that the topic

³⁴⁰ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

³⁴¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

³⁴² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

supervisor is unavailable, he/she shall be substituted by the head of the doctoral programme. The topic supervisor shall be appointed by the head of the doctoral programme based on the selection of the Doctoral Student. The topic supervisor shall inform the Doctoral Student on necessary academic information in connection with the Student's compulsory and elective academic obligations and shall manage and monitor the Student's research activities.

DOCTORAL TRAINING AT THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS

Section 7³⁴³

Doctoral programmes at the Doctoral School of Informatics may be:

- a) full-time organised programmes financed by the Hungarian state or through other scholarships,
- b) self-financed full-time programmes

Admission to the Organised Doctoral Programme

Section 8

- (1) ³⁴⁴The contents of the doctoral programme admissions guide are prepared by the Chairs of the TNKCs and the Doctoral Council of Informatics with the coordination of the Directorate for Educational Affairs. The organisation, management and oversight of the admission procedure shall be the duty of the Chair of the Doctoral Council of Informatics, the head of the doctoral school and the heads of the doctoral programmes.
- (2) ³⁴⁵The Faculty of Informatics shall announce the programmes available to prospective students along with the admission criteria. Doctoral programmes are launched in September and February of each year. Prospective students can apply to a doctoral school and a given doctoral programme via the University's electronic doctoral admission system. The deadline for applying to programmes starting in September is March 31 and November 30 for programmes starting in February.
- (3) ³⁴⁶A committee consisting of at least three members recommended by the head of the doctoral school or the doctoral programme and approved and appointed by the IDT or its Chair shall conduct entrance interviews with the applicants. Doctoral Student representation shall be guaranteed on the committee. The committee shall evaluate the performance of the applicants and prepare a ranking of all applicants on the basis of which it is to decide whether it does or does not recommend them for admission. The recommendation (minutes or application form) shall indicate the study arrangement to which the applicant's admission is recommended or not recommended out of the options laid out in Section 7.
- (4) The admission procedure shall assess the applicants'
 - a) general intelligence in the field,
 - b) levels of preparedness in the field covered by their programme of choice,
 - c) university degrees and results obtained over the course of their university studies,
 - d) prior academic work or work in scientific student associations,

³⁴³Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁴⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁴⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. Provisions applying to the electronic application procedure are to be applied starting with admissions for the 2020/2021 academic year.

³⁴⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- e) feasibility of their research plan,
 - f) ³⁴⁷ foreign language proficiency as a requirement for admission and foreign language proficiency which exceeds that requirement, which may be an advanced level type (C1) complex state language proficiency certificate or an equivalent document for a foreign language relevant to the discipline or an additional intermediate level type (B2) complex state language proficiency certificate or an equivalent document for a foreign language relevant to the discipline,
 - g) in the cases of international applicants, the admission committee shall assess whether the applicant has a level of language proficiency required for researching the given field.
- (5) In the ranking of applicants, in the event that the criteria listed in paragraph (4) are met equally, the following applicants shall be given priority:
- a) applicants in possession of the “Faculty Excellence Award”
 - b) applicants who had placed 1-3 or received awards at National Conferences of Scientific Students' Associations (OTDK)
 - c) former recipients of the Scholarship of the Republic of Hungary,
 - d) lecturers of the Faculty of Informatics.
- (6) ³⁴⁸The decisions on admissions shall be made by the IDT based on the ranking put together by the admission committee and the number of openings for state-funded programmes available to the Faculty. The IDT shall notify the EDT of the list of applicants who gain admission. Applicants shall be admitted to a doctoral programme within the Doctoral School of Informatics.
- (7) The admission decision may apply to:
- a) admission to a full-time state-funded organised programme,
 - b) ³⁴⁹admission to a self-financed full-time organised programme,
 - c) ³⁵⁰
 - d) rejection of the applicant.
 - e) The recommendation for admission shall include – based on the selection of the applicant – the name of the topic supervisor.
- (8) ³⁵¹The doctoral training is open to international students. The assessment of their applications shall be handled in a system, manner and with criteria identical to the ones that apply to Hungarian applicants.
- (9) ³⁵²In the event that the topic supervisor is not employed by the University, i.e. they are an external topic supervisor, the Doctoral Student must also be provided a so-called internal topic supervisor from among the instructors of the Doctoral School of Informatics employed by the University. The external and internal topic supervisors shall be obliged to cooperate in the supervision of the Doctoral Student, which may be subject to an agreement.

Organised Doctoral Training

Section 9

- (1) The doctoral training shall be organised by the IDT in collaboration with the doctoral school and with the aid of the TNKCs.

³⁴⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁴⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁴⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁵⁰ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed: 27 June 2023.

³⁵¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁵² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- (2) ³⁵³The doctoral training shall be divided into the four-semester-long training and research phase which is completed by passing the comprehensive examination and the four-semester-long research and dissertation phase. The Doctoral Student may submit the doctoral dissertation within three academic years after passing the comprehensive examination. Should the Doctoral Student fail to submit the doctoral dissertation by the end of the sixth semester after the comprehensive examination, he/she may be granted one additional academic year to finish the dissertation by the IDT upon request. The Doctoral Student must acquire 120 credits in each of the phases.
- (3) ³⁵⁴The Student shall be obligated to register by the last semester of the training and research phase of the programme for at least one subject required by the training plan which is connected to one of the subjects of the comprehensive examination.
- (4) The rules pertaining to the comprehensive examination shall be as laid out in Sections 47-55 of the EDSZ with an additional criterion that the Student shall give account of his/her research progress through the research documentation as prescribed by the training plan.
- (5) The Student shall establish a student status by enrolling in the programme, on the basis of which he/she shall be eligible for a student ID.
- (6) ³⁵⁵The Student who has gained admission to the doctoral programme may submit a request to postpone the commencement of the doctoral studies by two semesters (one academic year). The Council of the Doctoral School may issue an opinion on the request. The Student may enrol in the semester following the issuance of the decision on their admission. The enrolment may not be delayed.
- (7) ³⁵⁶ Students who are admitted and have enrolled shall be obligated to register in the Neptun system at the beginning of each semester at the given time and submit the documents required for registration (study plan, applications) by the deadline.
- (8) ³⁵⁷ In the subsequent semesters, the Doctoral Student shall register in the Neptun Electronic Registration System to indicate their intention to continue studies in the given semester and, if justified, may submit a request to suspend their studies.
- (9) ³⁵⁸The Student shall be permitted to interrupt (suspend) his/her doctoral studies on no more than three occasions for a combined period of no more than three years. On the first occasion, the request must be accepted automatically. Further requests for the interruption of the studies shall be decided on by the IDT. The Student may only request a suspension of the doctoral studies after completed semesters (with the exception of a request to postpone the commencement of the studies or force majeure) and for full semesters. The maximum continuous duration for which the student status may be suspended shall be no longer than two semesters. The request to suspend the student status must be approved and signed by the topic supervisor, the head of the doctoral programme and the head of the doctoral school. Failure to register for the semester by the expiry of the second deadline shall also count as a suspension of the doctoral studies. The request for the postponement of the doctoral studies shall be submitted to the Chair of the IDT at the start of the relevant semester. The resolution of approval shall indicate the time (academic year, semester) at which the Student is to renew the doctoral studies. An ex-post request for the suspension of studies may only be approved in justified cases warranting special equity, for which the Student may submit supporting documents.

³⁵³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁵⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁵⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁵⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁵⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁵⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- (10) ³⁵⁹ During the course of registration, the Student shall register for the compulsory and/or elective subjects advertised within the framework of their programme. The study plan for the semester shall be certified by the signatures of the topic supervisor and the head of the doctoral programme.
- (11) ³⁶⁰ The condition of the successful completion of one semester is the completion of at least six academic or research credits. If the Student is taking part in a partial doctoral programme abroad, the credit completion requirements applying to the Student shall be decided by the IDT on an individual basis.
- (12) ³⁶¹ Students taking part in state-funded doctoral programmes shall be reallocated to self-financed programmes in the event that they fail to fulfil the requirements laid out in their training plans in two consecutive semesters.
- (13) ³⁶² Applications for the examinations shall be carried out via the Neptun uniform academic system in accordance with the rules defined in the Academic Regulations for Students.
- (14) ³⁶³ Courses announced for outside the doctoral school can only be recognised and count towards the completion of the programme based on a written request signed by the topic supervisor handed in by the Student during the registration period at the beginning of the given semester following the approval of the Council of the Doctoral School of Informatics. The request cannot be submitted after the registration period. The DOIT shall decide based on the content of the given course whether it shall deny the request or approve the completion of the course and determine the number of credits that can be awarded when the study unit is recognised. Only courses offered outside the doctoral school that are clearly and directly related to the student's doctoral studies or research tasks may be accepted as fulfilling the academic obligations. In the case of subjects announced within the doctoral schools, courses organised with 1 contact hour (45 minutes) per week shall be worth a maximum 3, courses organised with 2 contact hours shall be worth a maximum 6 credits. Courses announced in a Bachelor's programme shall be worth a maximum 3 credits. The subject shall be entered into the Electronic Registration System by the administrator of the department responsible for the subject. In the event that the Student wants to complete a subject not announced by the Doctoral School of Informatics and the institute announcing the subject organised outside the doctoral school does not have authorisation to enter data into the Electronic Registration System, the grade awarded for the course shall be recorded based on a written verification document issued by the lecturer announcing the course, or his/her institute. The course may not be recognised in the absence of the verification documents. The Doctoral Student may obtain no more than 50% of his/her study (training) credits via credit transfer, however the recognition of studies completed prior to the commencement of the doctoral programme shall be an exception to this rule. In the case of part-time studies completed abroad, a verification document issued by the foreign institute shall be submitted by the Doctoral Student.
- (15) ³⁶⁴ The decision on the continuation of a doctoral programme that was started at another institution shall be made by the Doctoral School Council based on the recommendation of the head of the competent doctoral programme. The decision shall cover the identity of the topic supervisor, the recognition of the studies that had been completed up to that point. The transfer of a Student pursuing a scholarship-funded

³⁵⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁶⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁶¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁶² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁶³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁶⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

doctoral programme shall also require the approval of the organisation funding the Student's training.

- (16) ³⁶⁵Credits awarded for research and teaching activities shall be entered into the Neptun electronic academic system. The number of credits that can be awarded and the method of credit recognition is laid down in the doctoral school's training plan.
- (17) ³⁶⁶The completion of the study units shall be verified by the administrator in charge of the subject in the Neptun electronic academic system.
- (18) ³⁶⁷The completion of the research work and the number of credits to be awarded for it shall be recommended by the topic supervisor. The value of the total number of credits obtained over the course of the semester shall be verified together by the topic supervisor and the head of the doctoral programme.
- (19) The fulfilment of the teaching requirements and the number of credits to be awarded for it shall be verified by the topic supervisor and the head of the department.
- (20) Credits can only be awarded for the acquisition of a certain course material (the completion of a doctoral course announced under a given study unit code) on one occasion. Exceptions to this shall be study units that can be retaken according to the training plan.
- (21) The recognition of teaching activities carried out outside the Faculty of Informatics and the number of credits that can be awarded for them shall be determined by the IDT on the basis of a written request signed by the Student and the topic supervisor as well as the position taken up by the Doctoral School Council.
- (22) ³⁶⁸The Doctoral Student may take part in a partial doctoral programme at a foreign university on the basis of a work programme that ensures the effectiveness of the given study period within the doctoral training programme at the home university. The recognition of Student's study units or studies completed at another university or during studies abroad shall be ruled on by the Doctoral School Council at the recommendation of the head of the doctoral programme and on the basis of the request and work programme submitted beforehand. Students taking part in state-funded doctoral programmes may only pursue partial studies longer than one month and studies abroad for a period longer than one month within the study period based on the preliminary approval of the IDT.
- (23) ³⁶⁹In justified cases, the Student, within three semesters counted from the commencement of the doctoral programme, may request to continue his/her studies on a different topic, within the framework of a different doctoral programme or with another topic supervisor. A change in doctoral programmes or topic supervisors shall not extend the duration for which funding is available for the Student's doctoral programme. The change of the Student's doctoral programme shall be ruled on by the IDT based on the opinion of the Council of the Doctoral School of Informatics. Permission to change the research topic or topic supervisor within a given doctoral programme shall be granted by the Doctoral School Council based on the recommendation of the competent head of the doctoral programme. Simultaneously to issuing the aforementioned decision, the Doctoral School Council shall decide on the recognition of the requirements previously fulfilled by the Student.
- (24) ³⁷⁰Should the Doctoral Student taking part in a state-funded doctoral programme relinquish his/her eligibility for state funding, and should his/her student status expire,

³⁶⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁶⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁶⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁶⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁶⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁷⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

the Doctoral School Council shall recommend a Student from among Students taking part in self-financed programmes who may receive the funding available for the remaining semesters. The Student shall receive state funding for the remainder of the term. The transfer of the state scholarship shall be approved by the Chair of the IDT.

- (25) ³⁷¹The Student's fulfilment of his/her academic obligations shall be verified by the pre-degree certificate (absolutorium) issued on the basis of a verification document signed by the topic supervisor and the head of the doctoral school. The absolutorium shall be issued if the Student has acquired 120 credits in each of the programme phases. The student status shall expire on the last day of the semester in which the absolutorium was issued, irrespective of its date of issue. In the case of the spring semester, this date is 31 August. The obtainment of the absolutorium shall not serve as verification of the completion of the research work, the prescribed academic publications or the doctoral dissertation. The obtainment of the absolutorium shall be a prerequisite for the initiation of the doctoral procedure.
- (26) The Student shall be dismissed
- a) if he/she fails to obtain the required number of academic and research credits prescribed for the training and research phase of the programme by the end of his/her fourth active semester,
 - b) if he/she receives a "fail" grade for a compulsory subject prescribed by the training plan in the training and research phase of the programme, after a second attempt to complete the subject.
- ³⁷²The Student's dismissal shall be decided on by the IDT based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school in the cases listed above. Further cases of the termination of the student status are provided for in Section 35 of the University Doctoral Regulations.

Uniquely Tailored Study Arrangement

Section 10

- (1) The training of the Student pursuing doctoral studies under a uniquely tailored study arrangement shall be managed in accordance with the training plan approved by the Student. The Student pursuing doctoral studies under a uniquely tailored study arrangement must fulfil his/her obligations concerning enrolment, registration for the semester, tuition payment, and comply with data requirements. The aforementioned obligations must be included in the Student's study plan. Application for the comprehensive examination shall require the obtainment of the credits required for the examination.
- (2) Students wishing to obtain a degree under a uniquely tailored study arrangement shall be required to apply to one of the available doctoral programmes. Admission criteria applying to such applicants shall be the same as those that apply to prospective students applying to organised programmes. Decisions on the admission of applicants wishing to obtain a degree under a uniquely tailored study arrangement shall be made by the IDT based on the Doctoral School Council. The IDT shall notify the EDT on the admission decision.

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³⁷¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁷² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

Section 11

- (1) ³⁷³The doctoral procedure must be initiated within three academic years following the Student's passing the comprehensive examination. Students who passed the comprehensive examination between 1 February 2018 and 10 May 2021 shall be required to submit the doctoral dissertation prepared in accordance with the Doctoral Regulations within four academic years after passing the comprehensive examination. The rules pertaining to the extension of the deadline for submitting the dissertation on the grounds of special equity are laid out in Section 45 (2) of the University Doctoral Regulations. The maximum period for which Students may suspend their studies during the doctoral procedure is two semesters.
- (2) The conditions of the objective conduct of the doctoral procedure shall be handled by the Chair of the IDT.
- (3) ³⁷⁴The list of documents to be submitted when applying for the doctoral procedure are laid out in Appendix 1 of the faculty doctoral regulations of the Faculty of Informatics, containing the special provisions pertaining to the Faculty.
- (4) ³⁷⁵The request and every document concerning the initiation of the doctoral procedure shall be submitted together to the TNKCs, first in electronic form for the purpose of reviewing the formal requirements, and, once that is approved and deemed complete, the physical copies can be submitted. Incomplete applications shall not be accepted by the TNKCs after the review of the formal requirements.
- (5) The request may be submitted from 1 September each year until 31 May the following year.
- (6) The Chair of the IDT shall inform the Chair of the EDT about the procedures initiated on a semester-by-semester basis.
- (7) ³⁷⁶
- (8) ³⁷⁷In the event that an application for the initiation of the procedure is rejected, the IDT shall prepare a resolution with the justification of the rejection.
- (9) ³⁷⁸Following the submission of the doctoral dissertation, the Council of the Doctoral School of Informatics – taking into consideration the recommendation of the head of the doctoral programme – shall make a recommendation on the composition of the Assessment Committee and the identities of the official opponents, which it shall submit to the IDT. One of the opponents shall be an external professional in the discipline in question, i.e. one who is not employed by the University. The opponents must hold academic degrees.
- (10) ³⁷⁹A person to whom grounds for exclusion listed in Section 53 (3) of the University Doctoral Regulations apply shall not be permitted to serve either as the Chair or as a member of the Assessment Committee.
- (11) ³⁸⁰A person to whom grounds for exclusion listed in Section 53 (3) of the University Doctoral Regulations apply may not serve as an official opponent.
- (12) ³⁸¹The official opponents shall prepare their critique of the dissertation within two months of their appointment to opponent status. The opponents must declare a qualification for the dissertation (insufficienter, rite, cum laude, summa cum laude) and

³⁷³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁷⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁷⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁷⁶ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed: 27 June 2023.

³⁷⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁷⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁷⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁸⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁸¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

whether a date for the public disputation may be set. In the event that the appointed official opponent fails to submit the critique by the time the two-month period expires, and is not expected to complete the critique within an additional month, the Chair of the IDT shall withdraw the appointment of the opponent and hand the doctoral dissertation over to a new opponent. In the event that a new opponent is appointed, a shorter deadline may be set for the preparation of the critique. In the event that a critique rejects the doctoral dissertation, a third opponent may be appointed, and a shorter deadline may be set for the preparation of the critique.

The Research Centre Disputation

Section 12³⁸²

Prior to the submission of the doctoral dissertation, a consultation (hereinafter: research centre disputation) shall be held to review the dissertation in terms of academic quality. The research centre disputation shall be organised by the research centre/department, which shall also be obligated to send out the necessary invitations. The research centre disputation shall be announced on the website of the Doctoral School in order to guarantee its publicity. The committee of the research centre disputation shall be composed of one Chair and two opponents. The members of the committee must hold academic degrees. The Chair of the research centre disputation shall be the head of the department/research centre. In the event that the head of the department/research centre is the topic supervisor of the Applicant, a different person must be appointed to serve as the committee's Chair (e.g. the head of the doctoral programme). Apart from the Chair, two opponents must also be appointed to prepare written critiques of the dissertation prior to the disputation. One of the opponents must be an external opponent not employed by the University. The opponents shall have no more than 60 days to prepare their critiques. The opponents appointed for the research centre debate shall not be restricted from serving as opponents preparing written critiques on the Assessment Committee of the doctoral procedure, provided that they meet the criteria laid out in the University Doctoral Regulations. New opponents are not required to be appointed in the event that one or more critique rejects the dissertation. The Applicant shall be allowed to correct the dissertation on the basis of the critiques received prior to submitting it to the Doctoral School. The minutes prepared on the research centre disputation must include the list of names of the members of the committee, brief summaries on the critiques, summaries on the questions raised at the disputation and the Applicant's answers given to them as well as a brief review of the disputation.

Foreign Language Proficiency

Section 13

- (1) ³⁸³The list of languages needed for the research of the given academic field shall be determined by the operational regulations of the doctoral school.
- (2) ³⁸⁴Obtainment of the doctoral degree requires at least an intermediate (B2) level complex state language exam certificate or an equivalent certificate for the English language. The applicants' proficiency in the languages required for the given academic field and the programme, as well as the document certifying their proficiency of the languages, shall be examined and verified by the admission boards. Admission is

³⁸² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁸³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁸⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

conditional on the presentation of a at least an intermediate (B2) level complex state language exam certificate or an equivalent document. International applicants' proficiency in the languages required for the given academic field shall be examined and verified by the admission boards within the framework of an entrance exam.

(3) ³⁸⁵

(4) ³⁸⁶

(5) The doctoral procedure may be initiated in English with permission from the IDT.

Independent Academic Publication

Section 14

Prior to preparing the doctoral dissertation, the Applicant must verify his/her academic work history by providing two or more papers published in an edited scientific journal considered prestigious in the given field, volume of studies or papers accepted for publication. The papers must be on the topic of the doctoral dissertation. The needs of the given field shall be determined by the Doctoral School Council and the academic field with respect to where the papers were published, and approved by the IDT.

The Doctoral Dissertation

Section 15

- (1) ³⁸⁷The doctoral dissertation shall be work summarising the goals, scientific results, scientific literature and research methodologies of the Candidate's research work. The doctoral dissertation shall be written in Hungarian, but may also be prepared in English with the preliminary approval of the IDT in justified cases.
- (2) The dissertation may only be submitted with the approval of the topic supervisor and the head of the doctoral programme. In disputed cases, the position taken by the Doctoral School Council shall prevail.
- (3) The abstracts submitted simultaneously to the doctoral dissertation shall contain the main goals, methodologies and scientific results of the dissertation as well as a list of the scientific publications of the Candidate in the given topic.
- (4) ³⁸⁸The doctoral dissertation shall be submitted with proper binding (black binding with golden lettering) in A4 format typed in a word processor (font size 12, 1.5 spaced is advised). The dissertation shall be submitted in two printed copies to the TNKCs. The dissertation, the abstracts booklet and all documents concerning the initiation of the doctoral procedure shall also be submitted in electronic form.
- (5) ³⁸⁹In the event that the dissertation deals mainly with software engineering, the source code must also be attached to the dissertation (the source code will not be published, but is necessary for the preparation of the critique).
- (6) The external cover of the dissertation must feature the title "Doctoral Dissertation" along with the name of the author and the year of authorship.

³⁸⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁸⁶ Repealed by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁸⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁸⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁸⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- (7) ³⁹⁰The internal cover of the dissertation must feature the title of the dissertation, the DOI ID, the name of the author, the doctoral school and programme, the names of their heads as well as the name, title, academic degree of the topic supervisor, along with the name of the research centre/department where the dissertation was written.
- (8) ³⁹¹ A one-page summary written in Hungarian and a one-page summary written in English must be included at the end of the dissertation. The dissertation must also contain a table of contents and a bibliography compiled as required by the academic discipline. The bibliography must be complete and must include a list of the Candidate's publications as well.
- (9) ³⁹²The internal breakdown of the dissertation must follow the norms generally accepted for and required of academic publications. The dissertation's bibliography must include the DOI IDs of the documents referenced wherever possible.
- (10) ³⁹³Following the completion of the doctoral procedure, one print copy of the dissertation shall go to the University Library, one to the doctoral school and one to the reference library of the doctoral programme.

Formal and Content Requirements of the Abstracts

Section 16

- (1) ³⁹⁴The abstracts of the doctoral dissertation must be turned simultaneously to submitting the doctoral dissertation. The abstracts may not exceed 10 pages (including the bibliography) and shall be written in A5 format. The abstracts must be written in a word processor, with font size 12 and 1.5 spacing. The abstracts must be prepared both in Hungarian and English bound as a booklet and in electronic form (PDF). In the case of a doctoral procedure conducted in English, only English language abstracts shall be submitted.
- (2) The abstracts shall include:
 - a) a cover page containing the title of the doctoral dissertation, the title "Abstracts of the Doctoral Dissertation", the name of the author, the names of the doctoral school and programme and their heads, the name of the topic supervisor as well as the year of submission,
 - b) the background of the work (introduction, the goals of the project),
 - c) the methodologies used,
 - d) an outline of the author's own results (abstracts, theses),
 - e) a list of publications serving as the basis of the abstracts with complete bibliographic information along with a list of further academic works published by the Candidate in the topic of the dissertation.

Publication Requirements

Section 17

- (1) The publications shall not have first author criteria.

³⁹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

³⁹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁹² Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

³⁹³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- (2) ³⁹⁵Apart from the publishers on the impact factor list, the following publishers may be accepted, as a reference list:
- a) journals referenced by Computing Reviews,
 - b) journals referenced by Mathematical Reviews (MR),
 - c) journals referenced by Zentralblatt für Mathematik,
 - d) journals referenced by Compuscience (CS),
 - e) journals referenced by Referativnij Zsurnal,
 - f) journals ranked SCImago D1, Q1, Q2, Q3,
 - g) full-length conference proceedings ranked CORE A*, A, or B,
 - h) full-length conference proceedings published in volumes published by Springer, Elsevier, IEEE, and ACM,
 - i) publications referenced by Scopus, Science Direct, Web of Science,
 - j) all series referenced, for example Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS), etc,
 - k) all journals which feature articles selected by editors,
 - l) publications of all conferences featuring lectures selected by editors,
- (3) ³⁹⁶In the cases of publications listed in points k)-l), the IDT shall decide whether it accepts the selected publications on a case-by-case basis.
- (4) The provisions laid out above shall also apply to journals and conference publications available solely in electronic form.

The List of the Subjects of the Comprehensive Examination

Section 18³⁹⁷

The list of the subjects of the comprehensive examination shall be updated by the Doctoral School on an annual basis, simultaneously to reviewing the training plan, and published on the website of the Doctoral School.

The Public Disputation – Defence of the Doctoral Dissertation

Section 19

- (1) ³⁹⁸The Chair and members of the Assessment Committee and the official opponents are to be approved and appointed by the IDT and its Chair based on the recommendation of the Doctoral School Council. The Chair of the IDT may delegate said task to the Vice-Chair.
- (2) ³⁹⁹The Assessment Committee shall be composed of its Chair, secretary, three committee members and two (or three) official opponents. The Chair of the Committee shall be a professor or professor emeritus of the University competent in the given discipline. All members of the Committee must hold academic degrees. The opponent who rejected the doctoral dissertation must also be invited to the public disputation. One-third (no less than three members) of the Assessment Committee must be external professionals in the given discipline, i.e. those not employed by the University. The public disputation may proceed even in the event that one member and/or opponent is not present.
- (3) The date and time of the public disputation shall be published three weeks beforehand.

³⁹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁹⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁹⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- (4) ⁴⁰⁰The public disputation shall be held in Hungarian but may be held in English with preliminary permission from the Doctoral School Council.
- (5) ⁴⁰¹The public disputation is chaired by the Chair of the Assessment Committee. The disputation shall begin with the opening address of the Chair of the Committee. The Candidate shall present the abstracts of the doctoral dissertation summarising the work within the framework of the disputation. Following this, the opponents shall give their opinions on the dissertation, ask questions, and following a response from the Candidate, present their proposals for the acceptance or rejection of the dissertation. During the disputation, those present – including members of the Assessment Committee – may pose questions to the Candidate and may address the disputation. The Candidate may respond to the questions and comments separately or all at once.
- (6) The public disputation must also determine whether the findings of the dissertation are credible and are those of the Candidate. The doctoral dissertation cannot be written in co-authorship.
- (7) ⁴⁰²Following the conclusion of the disputation, the Assessment Committee shall hear the opinions of the topic supervisor in a closed meeting and vote in secret on the acceptance of the dissertation. The opponents shall not participate in the vote, but may alter their previous critiques of the dissertation based on the disputation. Those taking part in the secret vote shall assess the defence of the doctoral dissertation by awarding it between 1-5 points. A defence receiving less than 60% of the total number of points available shall qualify as “insufficenter” (1), one receiving at least 60% shall qualify as “rite” (2), one receiving at least 70% shall qualify as “cum laude” (3) and one receiving at least 87% shall qualify as “summa cum laude” (4). The combined result of the doctoral procedure must count the average of the points awarded for the defence of the dissertation. The Chair of the Committee shall inform the Candidate about the evaluation of the Committee in person in the presence of the Committee and those viewing the defence. A minutes shall be prepared on the defence and the session of the Assessment Committee, a signed version of which shall be forwarded to the TNKCs by the secretary of the committee.
- (8) ⁴⁰³The conferment of the doctoral (PhD) shall be recommended by the IDT on the basis of the opinion of the Assessment Committee. The decision on the conferment of the degree shall be made by the EDT based on the recommendation of the IDT.
- (9) ⁴⁰⁴The combined result of the doctoral procedure shall be the weighted average of the one time the number of points awarded through the critiques and two times the number of points awarded for the defence of the dissertation. The final qualification of the doctoral procedure may be the following: “summa cum laude” between 3.51-4, “cum laude” between 2.51-3.5, “rite” between 2.0-2.5 or “insufficenter” below 2.0.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC DEGREES OBTAINED ABROAD

Section 20

- (1) The request for the national recognition of an academic degree obtained abroad as a doctoral degree shall be submitted through a form at the office of the TNKCs. The TNKCs shall refer the request to the Chair of the IDT.

⁴⁰⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁰¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁰² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁰³ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁴⁰⁴ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

- (2) The final decision on the recommendation for the approval or denial of the request for the national recognition of an academic degree abroad as a doctoral degree shall be made by the IDT. The Chair of the IDT shall refer the recommendation to the EDT.

FEES PAYABLE AT THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF THE FACULTY OF INFORMATICS AT EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY

Section 21

- (1) ⁴⁰⁵Section 87 of the University Doctoral Regulations shall apply to the fees payable at the Doctoral School of Informatics.
- (2) The amount of monthly tuition fee payable by the Doctoral Student shall be the monthly sum of the study grant calculated for informatics studies.
- (3) The sum of the tuition fee may be reduced on the grounds of equity by the head of the Faculty at the request of the Doctoral Student after hearing the opinions of faculty representatives of the Doctoral Student Union and the head of the organisational unit overseeing the doctoral programme. The sum of the tuition fee may also be reduced by the competent Vice-Dean if authorised by the head of the Faculty.
- (4) ⁴⁰⁶In the case of preferences granting permission to pay the tuition in instalments, tuition shall be paid on a quarterly basis. The first instalment shall be paid at the time of enrolment, the second by 30 October or 30 March. Proof of payment must be presented to the TNKCs.
- (5) ⁴⁰⁷The tuition fee of non-EEA citizens shall be 100%/semester of the doctoral study grant, unless otherwise provided by law. The aforementioned provision may be overruled by the IDT in individual cases.

Section 22⁴⁰⁸

Titles and sums of charges payable by doctoral students calculated as a percentage of the annual normative scholarship amount shall be the following:

a)	late registration	0.5%
b)	late tuition payment	0.5%
c)	transcript printout	0.5%

Section 23

Fees and honoraria due to those contributing to the doctoral procedure as a percentage of the fee prescribed by point 4 of Annex 4 of the University Doctoral Regulations shall be the following:

- a) Chair of the Comprehensive Examination Board: 6.7%
- b) Member of the Comprehensive Examination Board: 3.3%
- c) Chair of the Assessment Committee: 6.7%
- d) Member of the Assessment Committee: 3.3%

⁴⁰⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁰⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁰⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁰⁸ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- e) Official opponent: 13.3% (20% in the case of an English language doctoral dissertation)

The sums payable shall be rounded to the nearest forint (HUF).

CREDIT SYSTEM OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Section 24⁴⁰⁹

(1) The rules applicable to the credit system-based study arrangement shall be those prescribed by the University Doctoral Regulations with the following differences:

- a) the Student must complete 120 credits by the end of the fourth completed semester. Should the Student taking part in a state-financed doctoral programme fail to meet this requirement, the student status shall be terminated.

The national credit transfer system – taking into consideration the principles of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System – shall equate 1 credit with the completion of 30 student study hours. The Student is expected to complete 30 credits per semester. The Doctoral Student may complete more or less than 30 credits over one semester.

- b) **training** (study) credits may be awarded for participation in school system-based studies (attendance of lessons, preparation for exams and completion of assignments, completion of assessments),

- c) **research** credits may be awarded for the acquisition of skills needed for the research of the doctoral topic, progress in the scientific research and publication of the results of the research.

In the research and dissertation phase, research credits can also be awarded for activities that promote integration into academic life, the academic professional community, professional activities supporting academic work (e.g. participation in the professional part of the organisation of conferences/workshops), curriculum development, Master's thesis and Scientific Students' Associations Conference (TDK) thesis topic management. A maximum of 24 credits in total may be awarded for the latter activities.

- d) The Student taking part in the doctoral programme may take up teaching assignments. Teaching credits shall be verified by the department in charge of the subject in question. Teaching credits may also be awarded for a topic supervisor role for a BSc thesis.

- e) The following criteria shall apply to the credits awarded under the various credit types:

Training and research phase (semesters 1-4):

Credit type	Maximum obtainable	Minimum obtainable	Value
Training	54	24	1 contact hour= 3 credits
Research	96	66	1 credit=30 work hours see list attached
Educational	26	0	1 contact hour= 2 credits

⁴⁰⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

1 contact hour = 45 minutes

Research and dissertation phase (semesters 5-8):

Credit type	Maximum obtainable	Minimum obtainable	Value
Research	120	90	1 credit=30 work hours see list attached
Educational	26	0	1 contact hour= 2 credits

f) Training credits shall not be awarded in the research and dissertation phase of the programme.

g) Recommendation for the detailed breakdown of research credits (to be approved together by the topic supervisor and the head of the programme based on the amount of work/time put in):

Compulsory tasks:

- Presenting the study plan for 8 semesters at the time of enrolment
- Submitting a study plan for the given semester at the beginning of each semester
- Preparation of a detailed research plan (min. 5 pages in the first semester): 2 credits
- Report in 3-5 pages at the end of the 3rd and 8th semesters: 2 credits

Recommended number of credits to be awarded for other activities:

- Professional lecture 2-4 credits
- Lecture with paper published at home conference 4-5 credits
- Poster at home conference 3-4 credits
- Lecture with paper published at international conference 6-10 credits
- Poster at international conference 4-8 credits
- Article published in Hungarian 4-8 credits
- Article published in a foreign language 8-14 credits

(2) The publications, lectures, posters for which credits are awarded by the topic supervisor shall be presented on the back of the credit verification form by indicating the date of publication and approval, the place of publication and the names of any co-authors if applicable. The head of the doctoral programme shall also verify with his/her signature the recognition of the credits.

(3) **Research activities that do not produce specific findings** shall be recognised in proportion to the time invested (1 credit shall correspond to approx. 30 work hours). A maximum of 20 credits may be awarded for research activities that do not produce specific findings. The Doctoral Student must report on his/her research activities that did not produce specific findings to the topic supervisor in writing and shall attach the report to the credit verification form to be submitted at the end of the semester. The head of the doctoral programme shall also verify with his/her signature the recognition of the credits.

Appendix 1⁴¹⁰

Attachments to the Request for the Initiation of the Doctoral Procedure

The following documents must be submitted for the initiation of the doctoral procedure:

- a) a filled-out, signed and dated request for the initiation of the doctoral procedure on the application form found in Annex 5 of the University Doctoral Regulations,
- b) 2 black properly hardbound copies of the doctoral dissertation in A4 format,
- c) the university degree or its official copy, in the case of a degree obtained at a foreign university, the documents prescribed by the University Doctoral Regulations,
- d) the document verifying the successful completion of the doctoral training (absolutorium),
- e) one copy of at least one intermediate-level [B2] complex language proficiency exam certificate or an equivalent certificate,
- f) a complete list of the Doctoral Student's publications and papers accepted for publication,
- g) a curriculum vitae,
- h) a short (half-page) biography written in the third person which the Chair shall read out at the beginning of the dissertation defence,
- i) the abstracts of the doctoral dissertation in Hungarian and English (maximum 10 pages),
- j) one copy each of at least two articles authored by the Doctoral Student which meet the criteria for independent publications,
- k) a summary of the Student's academic achievements in Hungarian and English at a maximum length of 1 page and key words,
- l) a joint statement from the topic supervisor and the head of the programme declaring that they recommend the initiation of the doctoral degree and the submission of the doctoral dissertation,
- m) a statement by the Applicant declaring that he/she does not have any pending doctoral procedures in the same discipline and has not had doctoral procedure requests rejected over the preceding two years,
- n) the application form for the initiation of the doctoral procedure, the doctoral dissertation, the abstracts, a summary of the dissertation in English (or the language of the dissertation), the DOI application form, the CV, a list of the Applicant's publications and every other document needed for the initiation of the doctoral procedure must also be submitted electronically to the TKNCs for a review of the formal requirements,
- o) the following must also be submitted electronically:
 - a Hungarian and English-language summary in Microsoft Word format,
 - key words in Hungarian and English.

⁴¹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

ANNEX 6/4
DOCTORAL REGULATIONS OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION
AND PSYCHOLOGY

THE SCOPE OF THE REGULATIONS

Section 1

The scope of the Annex shall extend to the persons and activities listed in Section 1 of the University Doctoral Regulations (hereinafter: EDSZ with respect to the doctoral activities carried out in the fields (disciplines) of psychology and pedagogy studies at the Faculty of Education and Psychology (hereinafter: PPK) of Eötvös Loránd University.

THE DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

Section 2

- (1) The Scientific Committee, the permanent committee of PPK shall assume the duties and authorities of the Doctoral Council of Education and Psychology (hereinafter: PPDT) , as the Faculty's Disciplinary Doctoral Council.
- (2) The Chair, members and substitute members of the PPDT – with the exception of the Doctoral Student member – shall be elected by the Faculty Council by secret vote based on the recommendation of the doctoral schools.
- (3) The members of the PPDT with voting rights shall be:
 - a) the Chair of the PPDT,
 - b) three main representatives for each discipline,
 - c) two members holding academic degrees who are not employed by the University and who may hold the title of professor emeritus,
 - d) a Doctoral Student pursuing doctoral studies in one of the accredited doctoral programmes at the Faculty who has a student status with the University and is delegated in accordance with the Bylaws of the University Doctoral Student Union.
- (4) ⁴¹¹The PPDT shall have one internal and one external substitute member, who, in case one permanent member – other than the Doctoral Student member – is unavailable, takes part in the work of the Council as a voting member. The members of the PPDT – with the exception of the Doctoral Student member – may not be substituted through case-by-case appointments.
- (5) ⁴¹²Permanent invitees of the PPDT with consultation rights are the following:
 - a) the Dean, provided that he/she is not a member with voting rights,
 - b) the Vice-Dean(s) for education and academic affairs,
 - c) the head and secretary of the doctoral school, provided that they are not members with voting rights,
 - d) the head of the office of the Faculty in charge of educational administration (hereinafter: Office),
 - e) persons invited by the Chair.

Section 3

⁴¹¹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

⁴¹² Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

- (1) The mandates of the Chair and members of the PPDT – with the exception of the Doctoral Student member – shall be valid until 31 December following the expiry of the mandate of the Faculty Council that elected them.
- (2) The mandate of the PPDT shall cease upon:
 - a) the expiry of the mandate,
 - b) resignation,
 - c) a recall of the member, if the member is regularly absent from the meetings of the PPDT, or becomes unworthy of membership for a specific reason,
 - d) the death of the member.

The decision on the recall of the member shall be made by the Faculty Council based on the recommendation of the Dean or the Chair of the PPDT.

- (3) The body entitled for nomination shall make a recommendation on the Chair and members of the PPDT 30 days prior to the expiry of the mandate of the PPDT. In the cases laid out in points b)-d) of paragraph (2), the recommendation shall be made within 30 days following the expiry of the mandate.
- (4) ⁴¹³With the exception of doctoral student members, only an individual who meets the conditions for core membership in a doctoral school may be nominated as the chair or member of the PPDT.

Section 4

- (1) The PPDT shall meet at least six times within an academic year or as necessary.
- (2) The meetings of the PPDT shall be called by the Chair with the publication of the agenda at least eight days prior to the day of the meeting.
- (3) Quorum in the meeting of the PPDT requires the attendance of the Chair and more than half of the members with voting rights.
- (4) The meetings of the PPDT shall be open to the public, but the Chair may call a closed meeting at the recommendation of any of the members.
- (5) The PPDT shall pass its resolution by majority vote. Personnel issues shall be decided by secret ballot.
- (6) A minutes shall be prepared on the meeting of the PPDT. The minutes shall be written by a staff member of the Office and approved by the Chair of the PPDT. The minutes shall be sent to the members of the PPDT within eight days following the meeting.
- (7) Those whom the decisions of the PPDT concerns shall be notified of its decisions in writing. The resolutions passed by the PPDT shall be certified by the Chair.
- (8) The secretarial tasks of the PPDT shall be carried out by the Office.

Section 5

- (1) The tasks of the PPDT beyond those specified in Section 11 (1) of the EDSZ in particular are the following:
 - a) deciding on credit transfer requests based on the opinions of the doctoral schools,
 - b) giving an opinion on the formal framework of the doctoral administrative duties and establishment of procedures,
 - c) managing and monitoring the quality assurance of the doctoral programmes at the Faculty,
 - d) making a recommendation to the Faculty Council regarding the sums of the tuition fees per category as well as other fees payable.

⁴¹³ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

- (2) The PPDT shall delegate its authority laid out in point j) of Section 11 (1) of EDSZ to the head of the doctoral school.

MANAGEMENT OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Section 6

- (1) The management of the doctoral school shall be managed by the head of the doctoral school, the secretary of the doctoral school, the council of the doctoral school (hereinafter: DIT) and the leadership of the DIT in accordance with the division of tasks laid out in operational regulations of the doctoral school.
- (2) The secretary of the doctoral school shall be appointed by the Dean based on the recommendation of the DIT. The secretary shall, in consultation with the head of the doctoral school, manage the administrative tasks at the doctoral school, preparations for the meetings of the DIT and its leaders, as well as the implementation of proposals submitted to the PPDT along with the organisation of the research centre disputations of the doctoral dissertations. The secretary shall perform the aforementioned tasks in collaboration with the assigned staff member of the Dean's Office. The secretary shall substitute the head of the doctoral school based on case-by-case appointments.

THE COUNCIL OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Section 7

- (1) ⁴¹⁴The number of the members of the DIT shall be the sum of the members comprising
 - a) the core members,
 - b) the heads of the programmes,
 - c) the persons in charge of modules,
 - d) the secretary of the doctoral school,
- (2) ⁴¹⁵Members of the DIT are elected by the core members of the doctoral school with a simple majority. The members of the DIT are nominated by the head of the doctoral school. A meeting of the DIT may be attended by one representative delegated by the doctoral school's students with an active student status – by a simple majority of those delegating the member – for a period of one year.
- (3) ⁴¹⁶The mandates of the members of the DIT may be extended without limits and shall last for a period of two years.
- (4) The tasks of the DIT beyond those laid out in Section 10 of R and Section 16 of the EDSZ shall include in particular:
 - a) making recommendations to the head of the doctoral school on the compositions of the admission committees,
 - b) determining the academic requirements in connection with obtaining the doctoral degree taking into account the regulations of the University and the Faculty, and submitting the requirements to the PPDT for approval,
 - c) making recommendations for the PPDT on suspension, cancellation and professionally justified restructuring of educational programmes,

⁴¹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

⁴¹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

⁴¹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

- d) preparing the operational regulations of the doctoral school and submitting it to the PPDT for evaluation.
- (5) The DIT may delegate its duties to the management of the DIT or the head of the doctoral school, in the operational regulations of the doctoral school.

Section 8

- (1) The management of the DIT shall consist of three members. Its members shall be the head of the doctoral school, the secretary of the doctoral school along with one further member elected by the DIT.
- (2) The management of the DIT shall be in charge of carrying out the operative tasks pertaining to the operations of the doctoral school, which shall include
 - a) deciding on the distribution of state-funded places allocated for the doctoral school among doctoral programmes,
 - b) based on the opinion of the person in charge of the module and/or topic supervisor, giving opinions on requests pertaining to the recognition, counting of credits, changing of programmes, modules, topics or topic leaders as well as those pertaining to the tuition fee
 - c) harmonising the list of courses on offer for the semester, and deciding on the inclusion of new instructors,
 - d) perform urgent tasks between DIT meetings as well as those that were delegated to it by the DIT in the operational regulations of the doctoral school.

LECTURERS OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Section 9

- (1) The lecturer of the doctoral school shall be a lecturer or researcher holding an academic degree who – based on the recommendation of the person in charge of the given module – was deemed qualified by the management of the DIT to perform lecturing tasks within the framework of the doctoral school. The core members and lecturers of the doctoral school may also take up lecturing roles at other doctoral schools.
- (2) The administration of the doctoral school shall keep a record on the identities of the lecturers of the doctoral school, which it shall make accessible to the PPDT when necessary. The records shall contain the lecturers’ names, dates of birth, academic degrees, year of habilitation, position at the University, location of their employment status and core membership.

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Section 10

- (1) The academic requirements of the doctoral training are to be fulfilled in modularly structured doctoral training programmes offering a total of 252 credits. The requirement types and volumes of the doctoral programme are as follows:

a) three subject modules	84 credits	(33%)
b) comprehensive examination	12 credits	(5%)
c) research work	112 credits	(44%)
d) educational activities	44 credits	(17%)

- (2) The subject module is a training and education organisational unit of the doctoral programme whose educational-research conditions are guaranteed by groups of qualified leading lecturers numbering 3-5 people making up a shared research centre. The topic of the subject module shall be an area of the discipline worth covering in lectures. The module subject has content attributes which distinguish it from other modules and make it suitable to be connected to other modules.
- (3) The subject module shall be both compulsory and elective, and shall consist of study units worth 7 credits each. The completion of one module in accordance with the requirements laid out in the curriculum requires the completion of 4 study units.
- (4) The programme contains three subject modules out of which at least two shall be compulsory.
- (5) The persons in charge of the various modules as well as their academic content (lists of study units) shall be approved by the PPDT based on the recommendation of the doctoral school.
- (6) The semestrial announcement of the courses guaranteeing the completion of the module's study units shall be handled by the person in charge of the module in question as well as the head of the doctoral school in accordance with the general rules pertaining to the announcement of courses.

QUALITY ASSURANCE, QUALITY DEVELOPMENT

Section 11

- (1) The tasks related to the quality assurance and quality development of the faculty's doctoral training shall be managed and overseen by the PPDT.
- (2) The PPDT in the framework of quality assurance shall
 - a) ⁴¹⁷monitor compliance with the content, legal and regulative requirements of the doctoral training and administrative tasks,
 - b) assess levels of satisfaction among Doctoral Students and doctoral graduates in collaboration with the Office,
 - c) compile an annual report on the data gathered from the performance of the tasks laid out in points a) and b).

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Section 12

- (1) ⁴¹⁸Applications to the doctoral programme – with the exception of programmes organised strictly for international students – may be submitted starting from the first work day following 15 March until the 25th work day via the electronic doctoral admission system.
- (2) ⁴¹⁹Applications may also be submitted by those who have yet to pass their final examinations at the Master's level at the time of the entrance exam, but will do so by no later than 31 July and can verify at the time of enrolment that the qualification of the degree meets the required standard.
- (3) The following documents shall be attached to the application form:

⁴¹⁷ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁴¹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied starting with the admission procedure for the 2020/2021 academic year.

⁴¹⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

- a) a copy of the Master's degree,
 - b) ⁴²⁰proof of English language proficiency
 - in the case of a Hungarian-language programme, a copy of a state-recognised B2 level complex language exam certificate or an equivalent certificate,
 - in the case of an English-language programme, a copy of a state-recognised C1 (advanced) level complex language exam certificate or an equivalent international language exam certificate, or an equivalent document,
 - c) a curriculum vitae,
 - d) a list of individual publications,
 - e) a research topic plan (500-1,500 words in length not including the bibliography)
 - f) a reference work (at least 6,000 words in length not including the bibliography), which shall be an earlier work of academic quality (such as a research paper, condensed version of the thesis, or an academic publication) which helps the Assessment Committee determine the applicant's level of academic preparedness for the programme,
 - g) ⁴²¹a proof of payment of the admission procedure fee,
- (4) In the case of a university degree obtained at a foreign university, unless the document is issued in either English, German, French or Russian, an official Hungarian translation of the degree shall be attached to the copy of the original.

Section 13

- (1) ⁴²²The entrance exam shall consist of an oral hearing. In certain cases, particularly in those of foreign language programmes, or if the applicant resides abroad or if required for a special reason, the oral entrance exam may be carried out electronically provided that the applicant can still be identified and communication is unimpeded.
- (2) The entrance exam shall be held before an examination board.
- a) ⁴²³the board shall consist of a Chair and at least two other lecturers and one Doctoral Student member,
 - b) external professionals may also be members on the entrance examination board,
 - c) the entrance examination board shall be appointed by the Chair of the PPDT based on the proposal put forward by the head of the doctoral school. The Doctoral Student member of the board shall be delegated by the Doctoral Student Union.
- (3) The entrance exams are to be held over the course of May and June at a time and place determined by the doctoral schools. The dates and locations of the entrance exams shall be published by the Office on the website of the Faculty. The Office shall also notify applicants in writing about the dates and locations of the exams.
- (4) In the cases of international applicants, the Dean of the Faculty, based on a consultation with the head of the doctoral school, may allow for the exam to be held at an alternative time. Entrance exams may not be taken for places funded by the Hungarian state at times other than those announced by Hungarian applicants or citizens subject to the same assessment criteria.
- (5) Make-up entrance exams may only be held in periods set aside for entrance exams in accordance with paragraph (3), provided that they are allowed by the head of the doctoral school and the entrance examination board can be assembled.

⁴²⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴²¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied starting with the admission procedure for the 2020/2021 academic year.

⁴²² Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴²³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

Section 14

- (1) The assessment criteria of the admission procedure shall be determined by the PPDT based on the recommendations of the doctoral schools and shall be published in the admission announcements as well as the guides on the doctoral programmes.
- (2) The assessment criteria in the assessment procedure shall be:
 - a) the topic's alignment with and feasibility within the framework of the doctoral educational programme,
 - b) whether a topic supervisor holding an academic degree can be assigned to the topic,
 - c) the candidate's proficiency in more than one foreign language,
 - d) results achieved over the course of previous research work, particularly publications,
 - e) accomplishments in previous university studies,
 - f) other criteria recommended by the doctoral school, e.g. qualification to fulfil higher education teaching duties.
- (3) A minutes shall be prepared on the entrance examination, which shall be certified by the members of the entrance examination board. The minutes shall be sent to the DIT management by the Chair of the entrance examination board.
- (4) The minutes of the entrance exam shall contain a brief professional opinion on the performance of each applicant.
- (5) The recommendation on the admission decision shall be made submitted to the PPDT by the DIT management. The recommendation shall contain the minutes of the entrance exam, the list of compulsory modules to be completed by those recommended for admission as well as recommendations regarding whether the given applicant shall be admitted to a state or self-funded programme.
- (6) The admission decision issued by the Dean shall include the list of required subjects.

THE STUDENT STATUS

Section 15

- (1) The applicant admitted to the doctoral programme must enrol in the programme during the period set aside for enrolment at the beginning of the semester. The Student shall not be permitted to miss the deadline for enrolment. Should the Student fail to enrol during the specified period, even though a representative, and fails to establish a student status with the university, his/her admission decision shall be ruled void. When enrolling for the programme, the Student must present to the Office the original copies of his/her university degree and language exam certificates.
- (2) The Student admitted to and enrolled in the doctoral programme may postpone the start of his/her studies for a period no longer than two semesters by suspending his/her student status. In this case, the Student must confirm the suspension of the studies in the Electronic Registration System. Doctoral programmes funded by the Hungarian state may only be commenced in the autumn semester. Any unauthorised confirmations shall be deleted by the Office.
- (3) The interruption of the student status shall not affect that training's form of financing.

- (4) The Dean, based on the opinion of the management of the DIT and at the written request of the Student, may allow for the suspension of studies in the training and research phase of the programme for a combined period more than two semesters,
 - a) if the Student is pregnant, or is raising a child younger than three years of age,
 - b) if the Student has suffered an accident or suffers from a prolonged illness and is temporarily unable to continue his/her studies,
 - c) if the Student taking part in a state-funded programme wishes to establish an employment status with another employer for a definite period,
 - d) if the Student is working abroad,
 - e) with respect to any other personal circumstance of the Student warranting special equity.
- (5) The doctoral studies may not be suspended for a period longer than six consecutive semesters even in the cases laid out in paragraph (4).
- (6) The Student may not be allowed to suspend his/her student status in the research and dissertation phase of the programme for a combined period longer than two semesters even out of reasons warranting equity.
- (7) Under special circumstances, citing scholarship-funded studies, an accident, illness or any other unexpected reason, the Student, either personally or through a representative, may request within 8 days following the occurrence of the reason given the withdrawal of his/her registration for an active semester by presenting an original document verifying the occurrence of the reason cited. The decision on the withdrawal of the Student's registration in this case shall be made by the Dean based on the opinion of the management of the DIT.
- (8) The resolution on the withdrawal of the Student's registration must rule on the amount of the Student's tuition that is to be reimbursed.

Section 16

- (1) ⁴²⁴
- (2) ⁴²⁵
- (3) The duration of the programme of a Student taking part in a part-time programme shall be determined by the PPDT based on the recommendation of the DIT within the framework of the Student's individual study plan. The Student shall prepare the individual study plan with the approval of the topic supervisor. The study plan shall be countersigned by the person in charge of the module in question along with the head of the doctoral school.
- (4) The individual study plan shall include the following:
 - a) the name of the Candidate,
 - b) the name of the doctoral school/training programme,
 - c) the name and academic degree of the topic supervisor appointed by the DIT,
 - d) a detailed list of study units recognised through credit transfer on the basis of previous studies and their alignment with the study units of the doctoral training programme,
 - e) the number of semesters remaining in the training programme,
 - f) a list of requirements to be fulfilled according to the types of activities they constitute,
 - g) any possible exemptions from attendance of lessons.

⁴²⁴ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴²⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

- (5) The Student must submit the original copy of the individual study plan at the Office following enrolment, by no later than 30 September. A second copy must be submitted at the secretariat of the doctoral school. The individual study plan shall be ruled on by the PPDT.
- (6) At the request of the topic supervisor the DIT may recommend to the PPDT the withdrawal of the permission should the Student fail to fulfil the requirements laid out in the individual study plan. Simultaneously to withdrawing the permission, the DIT may recommend that the Student – within the framework of an uninterrupted student status – should continue his/her doctoral studies under a different study arrangement. In this case, only the study units completed up to that point can be counted towards the Student's doctoral studies.
- (7) Modification of the duration of the training programme based on the individual study plan may only be requested on one occasion and for one semester.
- (8) The recommendation for the reduction of the tuition of the Student pursuing doctoral studies under an individual study arrangement shall be made to the Dean by the PPDT.

Section 17

- (1) The Doctoral Student pursuing a state-funded doctoral programme shall retain his/her eligibility for a state scholarship if he/she completed no less than 14 credits in the preceding active semester. Should the Student fail to acquire the 14 credits, he/she shall be reallocated by the Office to a self-financed programme starting from the subsequent semester. The provisions pertaining to exemption from reallocation laid out in Section 132 in the HKR shall be implemented as intended in the case of the Student.
- (2) The tuition fee of the Student reallocated from a state-funded programme to a self-financed programme shall be equal to the tuition fee calculated for the relevant semester.
- (3) The state-funded spot for which an opening is established may only be filled by another Student starting from the subsequent semester.

Section 17/A⁴²⁶

THE FORMAL AND CONTENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE DOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAMME AND CREDIT SYSTEM

Section 18

A total of 252 credits must be acquired within the framework of the full-time organised doctoral programme. The schedule for the completion of the credits and their breakdown into requirement types are laid out in Appendix 1.

Section 19

- (1) The Doctoral Student shall be expected to fulfil three types of requirements within the framework of the two phases, the training and research phase (phase I) and research and dissertation phase (phase II), of the doctoral programme, based on the Student's study and research plan.
- (2) The Student, consulting with the topic supervisor, shall prepare

⁴²⁶ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

- a) the study plan by the end of the study period of the first semester, which shall contain the volume, composition and scheduling of the work to be carried out in the training and research phase broken down for all three types of requirements,
 - b) the research plan by the time of application for the comprehensive examination, which shall contain the volume, composition and scheduling of the work to be carried out in the research and dissertation phase broken down for all three types of requirements.
- (3) The study plan shall be approved by the head of the programme by the end of the first semester following its countersigning by the topic supervisor. The approval of the research plan shall be done within the framework of the comprehensive examination.
- (4) The Student shall report on
- a) ⁴²⁷the preparation of the study plan in the first semester and its fulfilment in the second and third semesters,
 - b) the fulfilment of the research plan in every examination period starting with the fifth semester in line with the rules laid out in the operational regulations of the doctoral school. At the time of the Student's reporting, the Student shall make the necessary corrections. The decisions on the credits to be awarded for the directed research work and lecturing activities for the given semester shall be made by the head of the doctoral programme on the basis of the Student's report and the recommendation of the topic supervisor.

Section 20

- (1) The fulfilment of the subject requirements in organised doctoral programmes shall be done through the completion of the study units of the modularly structured training, pursuant to the rules of the HKR. The Student taking part in a programme with a uniquely tailored study arrangement shall complete the study units prescribed by his/her individual study plan within the framework of consultations. Courses belonging to study units from the attendance of which the study plan does not exempt the Student must be completed by the attendance of the lessons.
- (2) The completion of the courses shall be evaluated on a five-grade scale [excellent (5), good (4), satisfactory (3), pass (2), fail (1)], a three-grade scale [excellent, satisfactory, fail].
- (3) Over the course of the doctoral programme, the Student must complete three full modules. According to the training plan of the doctoral school, one of said three modules may be substituted by elective courses. At least one of the modules must deal with the doctoral topic of the Student. The training plan of the doctoral programme may prescribe that modules be completed joint together.

Section 21

- (1) As part of the directed research work, the Doctoral Student shall carry out either individual or group-based research activities in connection with his/her research topic in both phases of the doctoral programme base on his/her approved study and research plans under the guidance of the topic supervisor.
- (2) The completion of the directed research work along with the research credit value of the completed activity shall be determined by the head of the programme based on the recommendation of the topic supervisor. The head of the programme shall verify the completion of the research work for the Office by the last week of the examination

⁴²⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

period of the given semester. The verification of the completion of the research work shall not include a qualification. The Office shall record the completed requirements in the educational registration system each semester. The rules of the procedure for complaints laid out in Section 65 (6) of the HKR shall be applied in the case of the completion of the credits in question as well.

- (3) The group-based activity organised within the framework of the research work (e.g. workshop) shall not be announced as a course by the doctoral school. The doctoral school shall organise the activity on its own authority and verify its completion for the Office by awarding research credits for it in the regular procedure.

Section 22

- (1) The course to be taught by the Doctoral Student within the framework of the compulsory teaching activity shall be a regular course in the discipline of the doctoral school requiring contact hours announced for a Bachelor's, Master's or single-cycle programme. Topic supervision of the so-called workshop project or the thesis shall also be accepted as a teaching activity irrespective of whether or not they are announced as courses.
- (2) The Doctoral Student shall acquire 4 credits by teaching a course if the number of its attendees is at least 5 and the Doctoral Student instructs the course on his/her own, regardless of its format or number of contact hours. In the case of the so-called workshop project, the minimum attendance figure of 5 shall be required if it is not announced as a course. The completion of the teaching activity shall be verified for the Office by the final week of the examination period each semester based on the attendance of the course by the head of the doctoral school based on the recommendation of the topic supervisor or another representative of the head of the doctoral school.
- (3) ⁴²⁸In the cases of Doctoral Students working as lecturers or instructing lessons at another faculty or higher education institution, the verification of their teaching activities along with its credit recognition shall be the right and task of the management of the DIT. The condition of the completion of the teaching requirement shall be the Student's submission of the course material as well as a written verification form issued by the department that they have completed the requirement. The completion of the teaching requirement shall be verified by the head of the doctoral school.
- (4) ⁴²⁹
- (5) The teaching activity shall not be given a qualification. The completion of the requirement shall be recorded in the educational registration system by the Office each semester.
- (6) The teaching activity may be substituted by an activity supporting education and research. The set of activities supporting education and research along with the extent to which it can substitute teaching activities shall be regulated by the operational regulations of the doctoral school.
- (7) The decision on the substitution of the Student's teaching activities shall be decided by the head of the doctoral school based on the request of the Student containing the recommendation of the topic supervisor, which is to be submitted to the Office. The decision on the request shall be made simultaneously to determining the credit value to be awarded for the activity substituting the teaching activity. Credits acquired in this manner shall be entered into the educational registration system by the Office.

⁴²⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴²⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Repealed: April 17, 2020.

Section 23

- (1) The review of the individually determined credit value to be awarded for the research work and the teaching activity may be requested through a request addressed to the Chair of the PPDT to be submitted to the Office. The Student may request the review within 15 days following the receipt of the verification of the completion of the activities in question. A review of the evaluation of the completion of the requirements may only be requested in the event that the evaluation was not carried out according to the accepted criteria or if it was made with the non-compliance with the relevant rules.
- (2) The credits acquired with the completion of the research work and the teaching activity shall be counted towards the Student's studies to the extent of the credit distribution prescribed in Section 18 of the present Faculty regulations. The Student shall not have to pay fees for research and teaching credits obtained beyond said value.

Section 23/A⁴³⁰

Unless otherwise provided in the present Regulations or in the operational regulations of doctoral schools, requests pertaining to the doctoral programme are to be signed and submitted on paper to the Faculty Office, addressed to entity/person exercising the authority in question, with the approval of the topic and programme supervisor. For certain types of requests, the Faculty Office may standardise a form by publishing it on the Faculty's website or in the Electronic Registration System.

CHANGING THE DOCTORAL TOPIC

Section 24

- (1) ⁴³¹The Student shall have until the end of the second semester counted from the commencement of the doctoral programme to request a change of one or more of his/her subject modules. In justified cases, a request to change subject modules may also be submitted after the end of the second semester. The decision on the change of subject modules shall be decided by the PPDT based on the recommendation of the topic supervisor and with the approval of the head of the programme. The resolution on the changing of the Student's module shall be issued by the Dean.
- (2) In academically justified cases, the Student shall have until the end of the second semester of the research and dissertation phase of the programme at the latest to request that he/she be permitted to continue the doctoral programme on a different topic within the programme, citing objective difficulties with the ability to research the topic, or in the event of the prolonged unavailability or death of the topic supervisor, continue the doctoral programme with a different topic supervisor.
- (3) The changing of the doctoral topic or topic supervisor shall not extend the duration of the doctoral training.
- (4) The decisions on the changing of the doctoral topic and/or topic supervisor shall be made by the PPDT at the recommendation of the management of the DIT.
- (5) In justified cases, the topic supervisor, with the approval of the management of the DIT, may withdraw from the supervision of the doctoral topic. The DIT management shall

⁴³⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴³¹ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

recommend a new topic supervisor to the PPDT simultaneously to the withdrawal of the Student's original topic supervisor.

FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS

Section 25

- (1) The Student shall register for the courses serving the fulfilment of the subject requirements in the Electronic Registration System in the course registration period.
- (2) The completion of the research work and the teaching activities shall be recorded based on the verification documents by the Office in the educational registration system in the semester in which the verification documents are received. The issuance of the documents verifying the completion of the research work and the teaching activities shall be initiated by the Student at the doctoral school and with the topic supervisor. The verification documents may only be submitted in a semester, by no later than the end of the second-to-last week of the examination period, in which the Student has an active student status.
- (3) The Student shall be obligated to submit to the head of the programme in the study period of his/her fourth semester the detailed research plan for the four semesters of the research and dissertation phase approved by the topic supervisor. The research plan shall include the Student's plan for the format and content of the dissertation. The presentation of the research plan shall be part of the comprehensive examination. The detailed criteria of the research plan are contained in the operational regulations of the doctoral school.

PARTIAL STUDIES AT A FOREIGN INSTITUTION

Section 26

- (1) The Student taking part in partial studies shall have until the start of the examination period of the semester preceding the one in which he/she will pursue partial studies to submit to the Office his/her work programme approved by the topic supervisor.
- (2) The recommendation on the approval of the work programme shall be made to the PPDT by the head of the doctoral programme. The recommendation must include a listing of the study units whose completion is expected on the basis of the work programme.
- (3) The Student's status with the University shall remain valid over the course of the duration of the Student's partial studies. During the pursuit of the partial studies abroad, the Student shall provide proof of the completion of the minimum required of credits specified in the present Faculty Regulations each semester, irrespective of whether the partial studies are concluded in the same semester or at a later point.

Section 27

- (1) Decisions on the acceptance of students applying for partial studies to the doctoral school of the Faculty shall be made by the DIT management, which shall coincide with the management's notifying the Office of the decision.
- (2) The International Office of the Dean's Office shall issue a verification document to students arriving from other universities for partial studies at the University at the end of their training, which shall include the list of study units completed, their credit value

and evaluation. The documents shall contain a brief English language description of the courses completed.

RECOGNITION OF CREDITS

Section 28

- (1) Decisions on the recognition of credits acquired at other domestic or foreign higher education institutions shall be made by the PPDT based on the recommendation of the DIT management.
- (2) ⁴³²Study and research activities carried out prior to admission may be recognised by the PPDT in accordance with the rules of credit recognition, at the request of the student,
 - a) if the doctoral student has completed doctoral studies at the Doctoral School of the Faculty of Education and Psychology to which he/she has been re-admitted;
 - b) in the case of studies completed at another doctoral school, if a recognition of the credits obtained by the Student is possible under the rules for part-time training;
 - c) in the case of applying for a comprehensive examination without preliminary doctoral training pursuant to Section 50 (7) of the present Regulations, or in a case to which the same provisions apply.
- (3) ⁴³³The Student shall have until 30 September, after enrolment, to initiate the recognition of their previous credits by submitting a request addressed to the head of the doctoral school at the Faculty Office in the case of the completion of studies (courses) and internships in higher education. The request must be accompanied by a verification from the given institution – or in the case of courses taught by the Doctoral Student, the head of the institution – and must be accompanied by a bibliography and descriptions of the material covered by the subjects studied or taught.
- (4) ⁴³⁴The provisions of the present section shall not apply to a Student who has passed a comprehensive examination without preliminary doctoral training and completes the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral programme in a uniquely-tailored study arrangement.

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Section 29

- (1) ⁴³⁵The Student shall apply for the comprehensive examination via the Electronic Registration System, attaching the research plan referred to in Section 19 of the present Faculty Regulations.
- (2) The topic supervisor of the Doctoral Student may be present at the comprehensive examination.
- (3) In the case specified in Section 52 (4) of the EDSZ, the decision on the postponement of the comprehensive examination shall be made by the Chair of the PPDT. In the event that the Student fails to pass the exam, and the retake exam cannot be held within the following 15 days, the Student may take the retake exam in the examination period of the subsequent semester.

⁴³² Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴³³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴³⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁴³⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

- (4) In the event that the Doctoral Student fails to pass the comprehensive examination, the Student may under no circumstances make more than one additional attempt to pass the exam.

THE PROCEDURE AIMED AT THE OBTAINMENT OF THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

Section 30

- (1) ⁴³⁶Obtainment of the doctoral degree is conditional on language proficiency verified in the doctoral admission procedure. The present provision shall apply to students who started their doctoral studies earlier, as well as to former students who have completed their doctoral studies by obtaining an absolutorium, irrespective of whether they began their studies under the scope of the present regulations or prior to the 2016/2017 academic year.
- (1a) ⁴³⁷
- (1b) ⁴³⁸
- (1c) ⁴³⁹
- (1d) ⁴⁴⁰
- (2) ⁴⁴¹
- (3) ⁴⁴²The length and formal requirements of the doctoral dissertation are as follows:
- a) ⁴⁴³The length of the doctoral dissertation shall be 70–250 pages, not counting the bibliography or the appendices. The dissertation shall be written in Times New Roman font, size 12 with a 2.5 cm margin and a 3.5 cm binding margin, respectively. The dissertation must be submitted in single-sided print with a line spacing of 1.5, unless otherwise specified in the operational regulations of the doctoral school. The sample for the exterior cover and the inside cover is shown in Appendices 2 and 3, respectively. The dissertation’s bibliography must contain the DOI IDs of the documents referenced wherever possible.
- b) Further formal requirements related to the doctoral dissertation are set out in the operational regulations of the doctoral school.
- c) The doctoral dissertation may be submitted in Hungarian or English with a summary in Hungarian attached.
- d) The doctoral dissertation must be submitted in three printed copies, one hardbound, two soft bound copies and one copy in electronic form. The name of the author and the year of submission must be indicated on the spine of the hardbound copy. The PPDT may prescribe specific rules regarding the requirements for the electronic copy.

THE RESEARCH CENTRE DISPUTATION

Section 31

⁴³⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴³⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴³⁸ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴³⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁴⁰ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁴¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁴² Enacted by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019 with the stipulation that its provisions shall apply beginning with doctoral students admitted in the 2020/2021 academic year.

⁴⁴³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

- (1) ⁴⁴⁴The organisation of the research centre debate shall be initiated by the topic supervisor with the management of the DIT. The DIT management shall handle the organisation of the research and shall appoint the Chair of the disputation along with at least one pre-opponent.
- (2) ⁴⁴⁵The time and date of the research centre disputation shall be set in a way that the Student has enough time to take into consideration the suggestions made at the disputation prior to submitting the dissertation. The date of the disputation shall be announced one week in advance.
- (3) ⁴⁴⁶The research centre disputation shall be open to the public. Invitees to the disputation shall include lecturers and researchers at the Faculty, core members, topic supervisors of the doctoral schools of other universities researching similar topics as the one in question as well as lecturers, researchers at departments (institutes, research centres) of other universities researching the topic in question along with other external experts on the given topic. The list of persons whose invitations are mandatory shall be decided by the head of the doctoral school.
- (4) At the research centre disputation, the Candidate shall present the dissertation, the pre-opponents shall present their opinions on the dissertation, after which those present will also express their opinions on the dissertation within the framework of an open debate.
- (5) A memorandum shall be prepared on the research centre disputation, which shall include the list of the names of those present and the main points raised in connection with the dissertation. The memorandum shall be certified by the head of the programme and a lecturer of the doctoral school present at the disputation. The memorandum shall be attached to the documentation of the doctoral procedure and shall be made accessible to the Assessment Committee and the administration of the doctoral school.
- (6) The head of the programme may request that the dissertation be re-worked based on the points raised at the disputation.

SUBMISSION OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Section 32

- (1) ⁴⁴⁷The condition of submitting the dissertation shall be that the Candidate shall have three academic publications whose subject is connected to that of the doctoral dissertation, at least one of which was published in English. Academic publications that may be accepted are papers that are published in referenced scientific journals, a chapter published in an edited book cited by WoS or Scopus or an edited book cited by WoS or Scopus. The operational regulations of the doctoral school may further specify the publication requirements and may expand them on the condition that it consults the Doctoral Student Union about it.
- (2) Documents to be attached to the to the doctoral dissertation apart from the ones listed in Section 62 of EDSZ and Section 29 of the present Faculty Regulations shall include a statement from the topic supervisor declaring that
 - a) the publications meet the criteria laid out in paragraph (1) and the operational regulations of the doctoral school,
 - b) he/she considers the dissertation to be suitable for a public defence.

⁴⁴⁴ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020 (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁴⁴⁵ Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴⁴⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴⁴⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019 with the stipulation that it is to be applied starting with students admitted for the 2020/2021 academic year.

- (3) Simultaneously to the submission of the doctoral dissertation, the Student shall submit to the Office 5 printed copies and one electronic copy of both his/her curriculum vitae and the list of published works, as well as 20 printed copies and one electronic copy of the abstracts of the dissertation.
- (4) The abstract booklet shall contain a list of the Candidate's published works with those connected topic of the dissertation grouped together, separate from the list of the other publications.

THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE⁴⁴⁸

Section 33⁴⁴⁹

⁴⁵⁰The doctoral critique procedure shall be conducted in Hungarian in the cases of Hungarian language doctoral programmes. The procedure may only be conducted in a different language at the request of the Candidate and the approval of the PPDT. If the language of the programme is English or if the Assessment Committee has a member who does not speak Hungarian, the doctoral procedure shall be conducted in English.

THE PUBLIC DISPUTATION

Section 34

- (1) The Assessment Committee shall be composed of its Chair, two official opponents and four further members.
- (2) ⁴⁵¹Following the submission of the dissertation, the Chair of the PPDT shall appoint the members of the Assessment Committee. Simultaneously, the Office shall send an electronic copy of the dissertation to the Chair and members of the Committee. The members of the Committee may also view the copy of the dissertation stored in the library of the Faculty.
- (3) The official opponents shall be appointed by the Chair of the PPDT following the submission of the dissertation and shall send them the paper-bound copies of the dissertation.
- (4) The Candidate must receive the opinions of the opponents by no later than 15 days following their submission. The Candidate shall prepare written responses to the critiques, a signed copy of which he/she shall submit to the Office within 30 days.
- (5) The dissertation of the Candidate shall be made accessible to all interested parties at least 10 workdays prior to the date of the public disputation.
- (6) Apart from the Chair, at least one official opponent and three other members with voting rights must be present at the public disputation. In the even that one of the opponents announces his/her absence beforehand; he/she shall prepare a written statement prior to the disputation declaring whether he/she accepts the responses of the Candidate. The opponent in question must send the statement to the Chair of the disputation and attach it to the documentation of the disputation.
- (7) In the event that one of the appointed members of the Assessment Committee announces following the announcement of the time of the public disputation, that they will be absent from the disputation, and there are no more appointed members or members

⁴⁴⁸ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁴⁴⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019 with the stipulation that it is to be applied starting with students admitted for the 2020/2021 academic year.

⁴⁵⁰ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁴⁵¹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

qualified to take up the position, the Chair of the PPDT shall appoint a new member based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school.

- (8) In the event that one of the opponents rejects the dissertation, the Candidate must prepare written responses to all three opponents' critiques. The critique rejecting the dissertation shall be presented during the disputation by the secretary of the Committee. The opponent who rejected the dissertation, as a voting member of the Committee, shall be invited to the public disputation.
- (9) The qualification of the public disputation may be:
 - a) "summa cum laude" if the Candidate receives 90%-100% of the maximum amount of points available,
 - b) "cum laude" if the Candidate receives 75%-89% of the maximum amount of points available,
 - c) "rite" if the Candidate receives 60%-74% of the maximum amount of points available,
 - d) "insufficiens" if the Candidate fails to receive 60% of the maximum amount of points available.

CONFERMENT OF THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

Section 35

The PPDT shall confer the doctoral degree by holding a secret vote on the recommended qualification of the doctoral degree, taking into consideration the result of the defence of the degree.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Section 36

- (1) The sum of the tuition fee of the doctoral training, along with other fees payable, shall be determined by the Faculty Council based on the recommendation of the PPDT for a period of one academic year taking into consideration the doctoral programmes and the categories in which Students are enrolled in the training.
- (2) Requests for the reduction of the tuition fee shall be assessed by the Dean taking into account the opinion of the DIT management. The requests shall be filed at the Office by 15 September in the autumn semester and by 15 February in the spring semester.
- (3) The tuition fee shall be paid by 15 October in the autumn semester and by 15 March in the spring semester.

Section 36

Decisions on the remuneration of the persons contributing to the doctoral procedure shall be made by the Dean, taking into consideration the recommendation of the doctoral schools and the opinion of the PPDT.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF AN ACADEMIC DEGREE OBTAINED ABROAD

Section 37

- (1) Apart from the documents specified in Section 84 of the EDSZ, the documents that shall be attached to the request for the national recognition of an academic degree obtained abroad shall include:
 - a) a curriculum vitae,
 - b) a list of the Student's publications.If necessary, the PPDT may request further documents, in particular the original copy of the doctoral dissertation.
- (2) The PPDT shall determine its recommendation regarding the national recognition of the degree obtained abroad by secret vote.

Appendix 1:

Schedule and breakdown of credits awarded for the completion of the various requirements in the full-time organised doctoral programme:

Requirement type		Total credits (Phase I/II)	Training and research phase (I) (semester)				Comprehensive examination	Research and dissertation phase (II) (semester)			
			1.	2.	3.	4.		5.	6.	7.	8.
Name	unit										
Subject requirements (compulsory / elective subjects) at least 2 compulsory modules	7 credits/study unit	84 (84/0)	3*7	3*7	3*7	3*7					
⁴⁵² Preparation for the comprehensive examination		12					12				
Directed research	avg 6/22 credits/semester	112 (24/88)	6	6	6	6		22	22	22	22
Teaching activity (11 courses) – can be substituted by activity supporting education/ research	4 credits / courses held	44 (12/32)	0(-4)	4(-12)	4(-12)	4(-12)		8(-32)	8(-32)	8(-32)	8(-32)
Total		252 (120/120)	120				12	120			

Notes:

- Teaching requirements must be fulfilled in the training and research phase;
- The passing of the comprehensive examination is a pre-requisite to commencing the research and dissertation phase;
- Credits awarded for the research work may also be completed under a schedule different than the curriculum schedule on the basis of the study plan of phase I and the research plan of phase II;
- Activities supporting education/research may also be completed in units offering 4 credits each under a schedule that is different from the curriculum.

⁴⁵² Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

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Topic supervisor: <academic degree, name >

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⁴⁵³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴⁵⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

ANNEX 6/5
FACULTY DOCTORAL REGULATIONS OF THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES⁴⁵⁵

THE ORGANISATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

THE DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Section 1

- (1) Pursuant to the University Doctoral Regulations (hereinafter: EDZS), the Doctoral Council of the Field of Social Sciences (hereinafter: TTDT) operates at the Faculty of Social Sciences (hereinafter: TÁTK).
- (2) The TTDT shall have at least 8 elected members, out of whom at least two are external members. Its Chair and members are elected by secret ballot by the Faculty Council based on the recommendation of the Doctoral School. The mandate of the TTDT shall be the same as that of the Faculty Council and it shall be appointed by the Dean. A further member of the TTDT shall be a representative of the Doctoral Students who is an active Student of the doctoral school operating at the TÁTK.
- (3) The
 - a) Dean of the Faculty,
 - b) head of the Treasury Office of the Faculty,
 - c) person invited by the Chair
 - d) secretaries of the doctoral programmesmay participate in the sessions of the TTDT holding consultation rights.

THE OPERATIONS OF THE DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Section 2

- (1) The TTDT shall meet at least four times during an academic year or whenever deemed necessary. The sessions of the TTDT shall be convened by the Chair.
- (2) Voting rights in the sessions of the TTDT shall be enjoyed by its members. Quorum in the meetings of the TTDT requires the attendance of 50% of the members with voting rights plus one. The TTDT shall adopt its resolutions by majority vote. Personnel matters shall be voted on by secret ballot.
- (3) In justified cases, the TTDT may vote via e-mail.
- (4) A minutes shall be prepared on the sessions of the TTDT.
- (5) Those whom the decisions of the TTDT concern shall be notified by the council's decision in writing.
- (6) The work of the TTDT shall be aided by the secretaries of the doctoral programmes and a staff member of the Faculty office.

Section 3

Details and information on the doctoral school are laid out in the Organisational and Operational Regulations of the Doctoral School.

THE COUNCIL OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGY

⁴⁵⁵ Introductory paragraph repealed by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Section 4

- (1) The advised headcount of the Council of the Doctoral School is 5 members.
- (2) Its official members shall be:
 - a) the heads of the doctoral programmes,
 - b) one member delegated by the Doctoral Student Union.
- (3) The members of the Doctoral School not named in paragraph (2) shall be elected by the TTDT from among the lecturers of the Doctoral School and approved by the University Doctoral Council. The letters of appointment of the members shall be issued by the Chair of the TTDT.
- (4) The head of the Doctoral School, who shall also serve as the Chair of the Council of the Doctoral School, shall be elected by the Faculty Council based on the recommendation of the Doctoral School.
- (5) ⁴⁵⁶The powers of the Council of the Doctoral School shall be exercised by the TTDT.

The Doctoral Training

FORMS OF DOCTORAL TRAINING

Section 5

- (1) The doctoral training may be:
 - a) full-time organised programmes financed by the Hungarian state or through other scholarships,
 - b) self-financed full-time organised programmes
 - c) self-financed part-time correspondence-based individual programmes.
- (2) ⁴⁵⁷
- (3) The duration of the organised doctoral programme shall be 8 semesters.
- (4) The duration, training and research requirements of the individual programme shall be determined based on the completion of the training, research and reporting activities prescribed in the training plan of the doctoral school.
- (5) If justified by the research topic of the Student pursuing a full-time doctoral programme, and if recommended by the topic supervisor, the Student may request to be transferred to a part-time correspondence-based individual programme.

STUDY ARRANGEMENT

Section 6

- (1) The doctoral programme shall consist of two phases: a training and research phase, which concludes with the passing of the comprehensive examination. Following the comprehensive examination, the Student shall take part in the doctoral procedure within the framework of the research and dissertation phase of the programme. The goal of the latter phase is the obtainment of the doctoral degree.
- (2) ⁴⁵⁸Organised programmes containing study modules shall take place in the first training and research phase and shall last for 4 active semesters. In the research and dissertation phase, the doctoral dissertation must be submitted within 3 academic years of the comprehensive examination. If the student does not submit their dissertation within three academic years of their passing the comprehensive examination, the TTDT may, at the

⁴⁵⁶ Enacted by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁵⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed: June 27, 2023.

⁴⁵⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

Student's request, allow an additional academic year to submit the dissertation. However, the student status shall expire at the end of the eighth active semester.

- (3) The Doctoral Student must acquire 120 credits over the first four semesters and 120 credits over the second four semesters.
- (4) In the case of a self-financed part-time correspondence-based individual programme, the minimum duration of the training and research phase shall be two semesters. The heads of the doctoral programmes shall make recommendations to the TTDT on the duration of the training period and the identity of the topic supervisor based on the recommendations of the admission committees. Recommendations for a training period shorter than 4 semesters may only be made based on written documentation of the applicant's previous academic achievements.
- (5) The Student admitted to an individual programme shall prepare his/her study plan for the duration previously approved by the TTDT together with the topic supervisor within two weeks following enrolment. The study plan must include previously acquired credits that can be counted towards the Student's doctoral studies as well as other exemptions. The basis for the credits that can be recognised can be a previously completed doctoral course, publications, teaching activity, workshops, lectures, etc.
- (6) In self-financed programmes, the completion of (up to half of the required) teaching hours can be recognised based on the results obtained prior to admission to the doctoral programme. The individual training plan must give a precise indication of the completed study unit and previous achievements serving as the basis for other exemptions. The training plan shall be approved by the head of the doctoral programme.
- (7) The Student pursuing a programme in an individual study arrangement shall be reallocated to a full-time self-financed programme in the event that the Student fails to fulfil the criteria laid out in the training plan in the time specified in the individual training plan.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGY

Admission Procedure

Section 7

- (1) Application to an organised programme shall be handled along doctoral programmes, separately.
- (2) Applicants may submit applications to more than one doctoral programme at a time.
- (3) If the applicant wishes to apply to more than one doctoral programme at the same time, the entire admission procedure shall be handled in separate parts along the various programmes to which the applicant is applying.
- (4) ⁴⁵⁹Eligibility for admission to the doctoral programme requires a Master's degree and professional qualifications and a complex language exam certificate of at least intermediate (B2) level in any foreign language, certified by a complex state-recognised language exam certificate or an equivalent certificate, including a certificate attesting the completion of secondary or higher education in the language in question, and language examinations that can be recognised nationally in accordance with the official register.
- (5) ⁴⁶⁰The entrance examination shall be taken before an examination board. The admission committees of separated doctoral programmes shall consist of the Chair and at least two more members. The admission committees may also have external professionals as their members. Apart from those listed, a Doctoral Student representative shall also be a member on the admission committee.
- (6) ⁴⁶¹The Chair and members of the admission committees of the separated doctoral programmes shall be nominated by the TTDT and appointed by the head of the doctoral

⁴⁵⁹ Enacted by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁶⁰ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁶¹ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

school. The Doctoral Students of the admission committee(s) shall be delegated by the competent faculty representation of the University Doctoral Student Council.

- (7) ⁴⁶²The criteria of the admission procedure shall be determined by the TTDT.
- (8) ⁴⁶³The entrance examinations shall be organised in May or June of each year, at the time and place specified by the doctoral school.
- (9) ⁴⁶⁴The head of the doctoral school shall notify the Chair of the TTDT in writing of the time and place of the entrance examinations. The Faculty office shall then notify the applicants in an official writing.
- (10) ⁴⁶⁵In the cases of doctoral programmes conducted in a foreign language, the oral entrance exam of international students may also be conducted in the form of a real time live interview (e.g. Skype).

Section 8

- (1) The admission decision shall be made by the TTDT. The resolution on this is to be issued by the Dean of the Faculty. The admission decision shall be made at a time at which those evaluating the entrance exams can take into consideration the final examinations of applicants who pass their final examinations within the same semester for the Master's programme.
- (2) ⁴⁶⁶According to the training plan of the doctoral programme, applicants can be admitted to Hungarian or foreign language programmes. The admission decision may:
 - a) accept the Student to a full-time organised programme financed by the Hungarian state,
 - b) accept the Student to a self-financed full-time organised programme,
 - c) accept the Student to a self-financed part-time correspondence-based individual programmes,
 - d) reject the application.
- (3) The distribution of state-funded places by doctoral programmes shall be decided by the TTDT prior to the start of the admission procedure. Following the conclusion of the entrance examinations, the TTDT may review again the distribution of state-funded places and make changes on the basis of the examinations.
- (4) The Student may appeal a rejection of the application to the Rector of the University within 15 days of the receipt of the decision rejecting the application, in the event that the denial of admission is in violation of legislation or an institutional regulation. The rules on legal remedies pertaining to student affairs, among others, shall be applied to the assessment of the appeal of the admission decision.
- (5) In the event that the given Disciplinary Doctoral Council is unable to fill the state funded places preliminarily distributed among academic fields and within them, disciplines, pursuant to point m) of Section 6 of the EDSZ, following the admission decision the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall immediately notify the Chair of the University Doctoral Council about the remaining state-funded places, and the EDT shall decide on the distribution of the remaining places.

Section 9

The TTDT shall publish the rules on the application procedure in the doctoral admission guide and the website of the Doctoral School each year.

⁴⁶² Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁶³ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁶⁴ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁶⁵ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁶⁶ Lettering amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

GENERAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE STUDENT STATUS

Section 10

The Student taking part in the doctoral programme shall have a student status with the University.

Enrolment and Transfer

Section 11

- (1) Requests by the Student to postpone enrolment in the programme shall be denied.
- (2) Following the successful entrance examination, the Student has until the end of the registration week after enrolling to request that the head of the doctoral school grant permission for the Student to commence his/her doctoral studies one, or in justified cases, two semesters after enrolment without having to repeat the admission procedure. The written request must be submitted to the Faculty office. The request shall be ruled on by the head of the doctoral office.

Section 12

A Student pursuing doctoral studies at another doctoral school may request his/her transfer to the Doctoral School of Sociology. The request shall be ruled on by the TTDT on the basis of a detailed justification by the Student and the documentation of his/her studies up until that point (after the habitus investigation), based on the recommendation of the heads of the doctoral programmes. The resolution shall be issued by the Dean.

Registration, Course Registration

Section 13

- (1) The Student shall be obligated to confirm prior to the start of every training period, whether he/she wishes to continue his/her doctoral studies (registration) or suspend them. The confirmation shall be made by the Doctoral Student at the beginning of each semester by the end of the registration period.
- (2) The Student who confirms an active semester shall register in the Electronic Registration System by the end of the course registration period for the required subjects, courses and other training or research-related requirements for which credits are awarded.
- (3) The advertisement of available subjects, courses and other training or research-related requirements for which credits are awarded in the Electronic Registration System shall be handled by the head of the doctoral school alongside the oversight of the Chair of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, by no later than the start of the course registration period. The arrangement (time, place), requirements, assessment criteria, compulsory and recommended literature of the courses shall be published on the website of the doctoral school by the start of the course registration period. The Faculty office may assist in the announcement of the courses and the publicity of their details.
- (4) Complaints submitted in connection with course registration shall be ruled on at the first instance level by the Faculty office.

Interruption of the Student Status

Section 14

- (1) In the case of studies that have already commenced, the Student may announce a suspension of the student status by the end of the registration period.

- (2) The Student may request in justified cases over the course of the training and research phase of the programme that the student status be suspended for a period longer than two consecutive semesters. The request shall be ruled on by the TTDT based on the recommendation of the head of the programme.
- (3) If the Student has gained admission to a state-funded doctoral programme, and requests the postponement of his/her studies, the Student shall lose the state-funded status. In special cases (illness childbirth or force majeure) the TTDT may decide to grant the Student permission to postpone the studies without having to relinquish the state-funded status.
- (4) Studies in the research and dissertation phase of the programme may be suspended for a maximum combined period of two semesters, on the basis of a request. Longer suspensions may only be permitted in especially justified cases (health reasons) and shall require the submission of a request. The request shall be assessed by the TTDT based on the recommendation of the leadership of the doctoral programme.

Reallocation

Section 15

- (1) In the event that the Student taking part in a state-funded doctoral programme fails to obtain the minimum required amount of credits specified in the training plan in two consecutive semesters, the Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall reallocate the Student to a self-financed doctoral programme starting with the subsequent semester.
- (2) The Student taking part in a state-funded doctoral programme shall be reallocated to a self-financed programme at his/her own request by the Faculty office – exercising the authority transferred to it by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council – starting with the first day of the month following the month in which the request was submitted. The reallocation ruling shall determine the prorated sum of the tuition fee.
- (3) In the event that a state scholarship is freed up at the doctoral school for reasons specified in paragraphs (1)-(2) or if the student status of a Student taking part in a state-funded programme expires before the completion of the doctoral studies, the state-funded place shall be put up for competition among Students taking part in self-financed programmes. The competition is to be announced on the website of the doctoral school. The rules for assessing incoming applications shall also be published simultaneously on the website of the doctoral school. The applications shall be assessed and the scholarship awarded by the TTDT.

Termination of the Student Status

Section 16

- (1) The Faculty office may rule for the termination of the student status in the event that the Student
 - a) requests in writing the termination of the student status,
 - b) does not wish to continue his/her studies in a self-financed programme and notifies the doctoral school of this,
 - c) is dismissed or receives a disciplinary penalty,
 - d) fails to pass the comprehensive examination.
- (2) The Faculty office may initiate with the Dean the termination of the student status in the event that the Student
 - a) fails to commence his/her studies following the suspension of the student status for a period specified in legislation or approved at his/her request,
 - b) fails to fulfil his/her payment obligations. In this case, prior to the initiation of the termination, the Faculty office shall seek out the opinion of the head of the doctoral school after calling on the Student to settle his/her payment obligations.

- (3) The Faculty office shall notify the Student and the doctoral school in all cases of the termination of the student status.

Section 17

- (1) The Student shall be dismissed if he/she
 - a) fails to pass a compulsory subject in the training and research phase of the programme after taking the subject for a second time,
 - b) fails to acquire the required number of training and research credits specified for the training and research phase of the programme in the training plan of the programme by the end of the fourth active semester, not including the credits awarded for passing the comprehensive examination.
- (2) The decision on the Student's dismissal shall be made by the TTDT based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school.

The Credit System

Section 18

- (1) The Student's training and research performance in the doctoral programme at the University shall be evaluated in accordance with the rules of the credit system.
- (2) Students can acquire credits in the doctoral programme
 - a) through the completion of the subject criteria, including consultations with the topic supervisor counting as seminars,
 - b) through the acquisition of the course material,
 - c) through research work, publications, conference lectures, participation in workshops, special courses,
 - d) through the production of other intellectual property,
 - e) through teaching/lecturing activities,
 - f) through shadowing experience, aiding teaching activities,
 - g) by passing the comprehensive examination.

Section 19⁴⁶⁷

Only doctoral students capable of spending at least half of the legally required working time on their doctoral studies may pursue a state-funded doctoral programme.

Doctoral Programme Agreement

Section 20

- (1) The head of the doctoral school, the head of the department (institute, research centre) in charge of the Doctoral Student's training or the Doctoral Student may enter into an agreement with the topic supervisor of the Student on the rights and obligations concerning the fulfilment of the Student's study plan, in accordance with and with the contents of the provisions laid out in the operational regulations of the doctoral school.
- (2) An agreement may also be signed on the supervision of the topic of a former Doctoral Student who had obtained the absolutorium at the given doctoral school, but had not submitted the doctoral dissertation within the deadline specified in Section 53 (4) of Nftv., but wishes to continue the doctoral research and the preparation of the doctoral dissertation on the given topic.
- (3) The agreement shall cover, in particular:
 - a) a precise indication of the doctoral topic

⁴⁶⁷ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2021. (IV. 28.) . Effective April 27, 2021.

- b) the scheduling of the research plan broken down into semesters, the venue of the research activity – if necessary – and the Student’s weekly timetable,
- c) methods of and guarantees for granting the former Student access to the infrastructure necessary for the research,
- d) integration of the former Student into the work of the research centre and research group,
- e) rules pertaining to communication between the former Student and the topic supervisor, methods and frequency of the assessment of the research activity,
- f) the former Student’s participation in the educational tasks of the department/institution and/or academic meetings or conferences organised by or on the basis of the cooperative relationships of the research centre, faculty and the University,
- g) regulations pertaining to the use and classification of information acquired during the research project along with the legal sanctions that may be imposed in the event of misuse/breach of secrecy of said information,
- h) the agreement pertaining to potential employment or internship taken up by the Student with another employer or research institution,
- i) rules pertaining to the responsibility of the former Student if he/she attempts to use his/her doctoral dissertation to obtain a PhD degree at a different higher education institution.

ACADEMIC OBLIGATIONS IN THE TRAINING AND RESEARCH PHASE OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Section 21

The academic and research obligations to be fulfilled in the training and research phase of the doctoral programme shall be determined by the training plan of the doctoral programme, with the condition that all academic obligations are to be fulfilled in this phase.

The Doctoral Topic and Training Plan

Section 22

- (1) The Doctoral Student’s training plan shall define within the framework of the curriculum of the doctoral programme the academic work to be carried out by the Student in the training and research phase of the doctoral programme.
- (2) The training plan of the Doctoral Student taking part in an individual doctoral programme shall include academic requirements fulfilled through previous academic achievements.
The training plan shall indicate the Student’s previously fulfilled academic requirements and shall include the duration of the training and research phase complete with the schedule of the training, research and reporting requirements.
- (3) The Doctoral Student’s training plan shall be approved by the head of the doctoral school based on the recommendation of the topic supervisor.

Changing the Doctoral Topic

Section 23

- (1) The Doctoral Student may request permission to continue pursuing the doctoral degree in a different doctoral programme with a different doctoral topic and different topic supervisor on one occasion within three semesters of the commencement of the doctoral programme.
- (2) Within the timeframe specified in paragraph (1) the topic supervisor may also resign from his/her duties as supervisor and/or may propose the appointment of a co-supervisor. The

topic supervisor shall submit his/her resignation to the head of the doctoral school in writing, complete with a justification.

- (3) The decision on changing the Student's topic and/or supervisor shall be taken by the head of the doctoral programme.
- (4) A decision on the recognition of the requirements previously fulfilled by the Student shall be made simultaneously to the decision on granting the Student permission to transfer to another doctoral programme or change his/her doctoral topic.

Attendance

Section 24

(1) The conditions of attending and consequences of missing lectures, seminars or practical lessons shall be regulated by the operational regulations of the doctoral school. Students shall be informed of these provisions at the first lesson of the given course.

(2) ⁴⁶⁸Time devoted to research activities in the higher education institution or in a research or practice institution it entered into a cooperation agreement with or field research along with time devoted to other lecturing or research activities that award credits shall qualify as lessons. The provisions established in the Employment Regulations of the Organisational and Operational Regulations of the University shall be applicable in determining the number of teaching hours completed by the topic supervisor.

(3) The lessons may be held on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, in the form of consultations in the weeks in between or in blocks.

Academic Assessment

Section 25

- (1) The fulfilment of the academic obligations is regulated by the Faculty doctoral credit regulations.
- (2) The assessment of the Student's completion of his/her studies may be done in the form or oral or written examinations.
- (3) In the event that the Student fails to pass an examination, he/she may make one additional attempt to pass the examination within the given examination period.
- (4) Dates of examinations shall be scheduled in a way that allows the Doctoral Student sufficient time to take each exam.

Uniquely Tailored Study Arrangement

Section 26

- (1) The Student pursuing a doctoral degree under a uniquely tailored study arrangement must fulfil his/her enrolment, registration, tuition payment obligations as well as the obligation to submit his/her personal/professional details to the University.
- (2) The primary form of preparation to meet the academic obligations in a uniquely tailored programme is consultation.
- (3) Students pursuing a doctoral degree under a uniquely tailored study arrangement shall also be obligated to acquire the required number of credits prior to applying for the comprehensive examination, in accordance with the training plan approved following enrolment in the programme.

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

⁴⁶⁸ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Section 27

- (1) The comprehensive examination is a comprehensive evaluation of the Student's knowledge acquired in the training and research phase of the doctoral programme and the Student's preparedness for the programme's research and dissertation phase.
- (2) The comprehensive examination is comprised of two main parts. The theoretical part assesses the examinee's theoretical knowledge while in the dissertation part the examinee shall demonstrate his/her level of academic progress.
- (3) In the theoretical part of the comprehensive examination, the examinee shall be tested in at least two subjects. The material and list of subjects that can be tested is contained in the curriculum of the doctoral school.
- (4) In the dissertation part of the comprehensive examination the examinee shall give account of his/her lexical knowledge in the form of a lecture, give account of his/her research results, presents his/her research plan pertaining to the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral programme and the planned schedule of the preparation and publication of the doctoral dissertation.
- (5) The Student's summary of his/her research activities and the research plan must also be submitted in writing. The research plan shall include in the form of a study (which may later be included in the dissertation) a detailed overview and critical analysis of the literature concerning the topic of the dissertation. The deadline for the submission of the research plan shall coincide with the deadline to apply for the comprehensive examination.

Conditions of Applying for the Comprehensive Examination for Students Taking Part in Organised Doctoral Programmes

Section 28

- (1) Doctoral Students taking part in organised doctoral programmes who have obtained the required academic and research credits prescribed for the first four semesters of the academic and research phase of the programme, laid out in the training plan of the programme.
- (2) The topic supervisor of the Student applying for the comprehensive examination shall assess the Student's performance in the academic and research phase of the doctoral programme and give his/her opinion on whether the Student can be granted permission to take the comprehensive examination.⁷
- (3) ⁴⁶⁹
- (4) ⁴⁷⁰

Conditions of Applying for the Comprehensive Exam for Students Not Participating in an Organised Doctoral Programme

Section 29

- (1) Application for the comprehensive examination and the obtainment of the doctoral degree without preliminary doctoral training shall also be open to individuals who received their degrees no less than five years prior to their application, meet the admission criteria of the doctoral school and for whom it can be determined based on their professional and academic achievements that their academic works meet at least the assessment criteria of the academic and research phase of the doctoral programme.

⁴⁶⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CLXXI/2021. (IX. 29.). Repealed: September 28, 2021.

⁴⁷⁰ Repealed by Senate Resolution CLXXI/2021. (IX. 29.). Repealed: September 28, 2021.

- (2) ⁴⁷¹The applicant without preliminary doctoral training shall take part in an oral entrance exam from which the TTDT may exempt the applicant based on their professional and academic activities.
- (3) ⁴⁷²The TTDT shall carry out a habitus investigation on the evaluation of the application and on granting the Doctoral Student permission to take the comprehensive examination. Over the course of the habitus investigation, the council shall assess the applicant's curriculum vitae, academic performance prior to his/her submission of the request, academic publications, other academic works, lecture activities, etc. The result of the habitus investigation shall be expressed in form of credits allocated in the curriculum for research and lecture tasks. A minutes shall be prepared of the result of the investigation complete with a justification.
- (4) ⁴⁷³The calculation of the credits shall not take into account the breakdown of academic and research credits applying to Students taking part in organised programmes.
- (5) ⁴⁷⁴The applicant shall pay the sum stipulated in the EDSZ for the habitus investigation and the comprehensive examination.

Application for the Comprehensive Examination

Section 30

- (1) Applications for the comprehensive examination held in the spring examination period shall be turned in by 31 March of the given year and applications for the comprehensive examination held in the winter examination period shall be turned in by 31 October of the given year. Applications shall be handed in to the faculty office in writing by filling out the application form.
- (2) Doctoral Students taking part in organised training programmes shall attach the report on their research activity to the application form.
- (3) ⁴⁷⁵Apart from the documents specified in paragraph (2), applicants applying for the comprehensive examination without preliminary doctoral training shall also attach to their applications a curriculum vitae, documents necessary for admission, a written summary as well as documents providing authentic verification of the applicant's professional and academic history and works as a lecturer as well as proofs of language proficiency necessary for the doctoral procedure. The applicant must provide verification of his/her academic history by providing copies of entries registered in the bibliographic database of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences⁴⁷⁶ (hereinafter: HAS bibliographic database). The applicant must also provide a research plan for the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral programme as well as a proof of payment of the fees payable for the habitus investigation and the comprehensive examination.

Announcing Comprehensive Examination Dates

Section 31

- (1) Comprehensive examinations shall be held in the examination periods specified in the Rector's Order on the academic year calendar.
- (2) Decisions on the scheduling of the comprehensive examinations shall be made by the heads of the doctoral programmes, while decisions on the theoretical subjects to be aligned with the

⁴⁷¹ Established by Senate Resolution LXVII/2024. (V. 27.). Effective May 28, 2024.

⁴⁷² Numbering amended by Senate Resolution LXVII/2024. (V. 27.). Effective May 28, 2024.

⁴⁷³ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution LXVII/2024. (V. 27.). Effective May 28, 2024.

⁴⁷⁴ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution LXVII/2024. (V. 27.). Effective May 28, 2024.

⁴⁷⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXI/2021. (IX. 29.). Effective September 28, 2021.

⁴⁷⁶ Act XL of 1994 on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Section 3 (1) point o)

research topics and tested in given exams and the makeup of the exam committees shall be taken by the TTDT.

- (3) The comprehensive exams shall be scheduled so that Students have at least 21 days of preparation time.

Comprehensive Examination Procedure

Section 32

- (1) The comprehensive examination shall be taken in public, in front of an exam committee.
- (2) The committee shall consist of at least three members, at least one of whom is not employed by the University. The committee chair shall be a professor, professor emeritus or habilitated associate professor at the University. Only persons with academic degrees may be on the exam committee. The committee shall also include substitute members.
- (3) The examinee's direct employer (or research centre leader) or subordinate or co-author in an academic publication are prohibited from serving on the exam committee.
- (4) The examinee's topic supervisor may be present at the comprehensive examination, but may not serve on the exam committee or take part in the evaluation of the examinee.

Evaluation of the Comprehensive Examination

Section 33

- (1) A minutes shall be prepared on the comprehensive examination.
- (2) ⁴⁷⁷The Student's performance of the subjects of the comprehensive examination shall be evaluated by the exam committee on a two-grade scale (pass, fail).
- (3) The curriculum of the doctoral programme may award credits for certain subjects making up the comprehensive examination.
- (4) ⁴⁷⁸In the event that the Student fails to pass one or all of the subjects of the comprehensive examination, he/she may take a retake exam in this (these) subject(s) within the same examination period on the day set aside for retake exams. A fee shall be payable for the retake exam.
- (5) ⁴⁷⁹

Section 34

The comprehensive examination at the Doctoral School of Sociology may only be postponed with the presentation of a medical certificate or in strictly justifiable cases.

Unsuccessful Comprehensive Examination

Section 35

- (1) If the Doctoral Student fails to pass the comprehensive examination by the last day of the examination period following the completion of his/her fourth semester – including the retake examination period – the Student's student status shall expire.
- (2) The faculty office shall notify the Student in writing of the expiry of his/her student status.
- (3) Former students who have had their student status expire due to the reasons specified in paragraph (1) may apply for the comprehensive examination along the rules pertaining to potential applicants who have not participated in preliminary doctoral training. If the

⁴⁷⁷ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁴⁷⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive exam period following the amendment.

⁴⁷⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive exam period following the amendment.

Student applies to take the comprehensive examination within 5 years of the expiry of his/her student status,

- a) the five-year rule specified in Section 50 (1) and the rules laid out in Section 50 (2) of the EDSZ shall not apply to that Student,
- b) that Student's earlier academic and research activities completed at the doctoral school shall be included in the evaluations made over the course of the habitus investigation.

COMPLETION OF THE RESEARCH AND DISSERTATION PHASE OF THE PROGRAMME

Section 36

The Contents of the Second Training Phase

- (1) The 120 credits offered in the second phase of the programme may be acquired with research work directed by the Student's consultant, publications, teaching activities, participation in conferences, lecturing activities and the research centre disputation of the dissertation.
- (2) The Student shall be assigned independent teaching duty for one course in the second phase of the doctoral programme.

OBTAINING THE ABSOLUTORIUM

Section 37

- (1) The completion of the doctoral programme, the fulfilment of the academic requirements shall be verified by 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.
- (2) The pre-degree certificate shall be issued if the Student obtains the required 240 credits.

CONDITIONS OF OBTAINING THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

Section 38

- (1) The conditions of obtaining the doctoral degree shall be
 - 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) ⁴⁸⁰one intermediate (B2) English and one intermediate (B2) complex language certificate obtained from any foreign language or one English advanced (C1) and one basic (A2) language certificate obtained from any foreign language, certified by: a complex state-recognised language certificate or an equivalent document, including a diploma of secondary or tertiary education obtained in the language in question and language certificates that can be recognised nationally according to official records.

⁴⁸⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXI/2021. (IX. 29.). Effective September 28, 2021 with the stipulation that the rules set out in point d) of Section 38 (1) shall first be applied to students admitted for the 2022/2023 academic year.

- e) ⁴⁸¹
 - f) verification of at least two academic publications related to the topic of the doctoral dissertation,
 - 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) defence of the doctoral dissertation in a public disputation.
- (2) ⁴⁸²Completion of the language proficiency requirements laid out in point d) of paragraph (1) shall be recognised in accordance with Section 58 (3) of the present Regulations in the cases of students with disabilities.
- (3) ⁴⁸³The list of languages among which a language necessary for the research to be carried out for the doctoral dissertation referred to in point d) of paragraph (1) shall be selected, as well as the rules pertaining to international students is determined by the operational regulations of the doctoral school.
- (4) ⁴⁸⁴In the case of students whose native language is not Hungarian, the foreign languages referred to in point d) of paragraph (1) may include Hungarian as well.
- (5) In the case of international cooperation in the form of co-tutelle programmes with foreign higher education institutions, agreements signed by the University in accordance with Sections 77-78 of the EDSZ may set obligations that diverge from the ones specified in points d)-g) of paragraph (1) and may prescribe different rules pertaining to the verification of language proficiency.

The Research Centre Disputation

Section 39⁴⁸⁵

- (1) Prior to the submission of the doctoral dissertation, the topic supervisor shall organise an academic meeting (hereinafter: research centre disputation) together with the Doctoral School to evaluate the dissertation. The department shall invite to the disputation the doctoral students studying at the Faculty, the Faculty's instructors, and has the option of inviting notable academic experts in the given field. A minutes shall be prepared of the research centre disputation.
- (2) The opinions of at least two pre-solicited commentators holding academic degrees shall be sought at the research centre disputation.
- (3) Details not regulated here are laid out in the Quality Assurance Regulations of the SZDI.

Submitting the Doctoral Dissertation⁴⁸⁶

Section 40

- (1) ⁴⁸⁷The doctoral dissertation shall be submitted in 1 hard-bound and 2 spiral-bound copies. One further electronic copy in PDF format must also be submitted. The printed and electronic versions of the dissertation must be identical. The dissertation's bibliography must include the DOI IDs of the documents referenced wherever possible.

⁴⁸¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. Provision shall not be applied in procedures following its repeal.

⁴⁸² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

⁴⁸³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

⁴⁸⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁴⁸⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁸⁶ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁴⁸⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

- (2) ⁴⁸⁸Prior to the submission of the printed and electronic versions of the doctoral dissertation and its abstracts, the author of the dissertation shall apply for a DOI ID from the faculty office by filling out and submitting the “Declaration Form” found in Annex 5 of the EDSZ. The applicant must fill out the “Declaration Form” in a word processor and submit it to the faculty office electronically, without signing the document. The faculty office shall request a DOI ID for the doctoral dissertation and its abstracts on relevant electronic interface within five days of the receipt of the applicant’s “Declaration Form”. The faculty office shall fill out the field marked “DOI ID” and send it back to the applicant electronically.
- (3) ⁴⁸⁹The doctoral dissertation and its abstracts shall be submitted together with a signed copy of the applicant’s “Declaration Form”, which shall be a separate document in a separate file. The printed copy of the “Declaration Form” shall be kept by the faculty office together with the documentations of the doctoral procedure.
- (4) ⁴⁹⁰Following the submission of the doctoral dissertation, the faculty office will upload the dissertation and its abstracts from their electronic copies to the ELTE Digital Institutional Repository (hereinafter: EDIT) within 10 business days and automatically send the “Declaration Form” to the University Library. The dissertation and the abstracts shall not be made accessible to the public until a decision is made on the conferment of the doctoral degree, or until the deadlines specified in Section 76 (2)-(3) and (6) of the EDSZ.

The Doctoral Procedure⁴⁹¹

Section 41

- (1) ⁴⁹²The request for the initiation of the doctoral procedure shall be submitted by filling out the relevant application form found in Annex 5 of EDSZ. The request shall be submitted to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council through the faculty office.
- (2) Attachments to the request shall include:
 - a) the pre-degree certificate verifying the completion of the doctoral programme,
 - b) the doctoral dissertation and doctoral abstracts pursuant to Section 62 of the EDZS,
 - c) ⁴⁹³ the minutes of the research centre disputation, in addition to a joint recommendation by the head of the research centre/doctoral programme and the topic supervisor for the initiation of the doctoral procedure. The recommendation may also cover nominations for members of the Assessment Committee and the official opponents,
 - d) proof of language proficiency,
 - e) a copy of the applicant’s curriculum vitae and bibliography of his/her academic publications. In the case of the latter, only publications that can be found in the HAS bibliographic database pursuant to the Rector’s Order on the register of the publications of the University⁴⁹⁴ can be taken into account,
 - f) ⁴⁹⁵
 - g) ⁴⁹⁶a declaration from the applicant that he/she has no pending doctoral procedure in the same academic discipline.
- (3) Should the application be incomplete, the faculty office shall ask the applicant to submit the missing documents within 30 days.

⁴⁸⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

⁴⁸⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

⁴⁹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

⁴⁹¹ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁴⁹² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁴⁹³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁴⁹⁴ Rector’s Order 6/2012. (II. 23.)

⁴⁹⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

⁴⁹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

- (4) In the event that the applicant fails to submit the missing documents, the Chair of the TTDT shall terminate the critique procedure.

The Public Disputation

Section 42

- (1) The Doctoral Candidate shall defend the doctoral dissertation in a public disputation before an Assessment Committee. In the case of doctoral dissertations containing information classified for national security reasons, the TTDT may order a closed disputation at the request of the Doctoral Candidate and the recommendation of the topic supervisor, based on the approval of the members of the Assessment Committee.
- (2) The Chair of the Assessment Committee shall be a professor, professor emeritus or habilitated associate professor at the university. Members of the Assessment Committee must hold academic degrees.
- (3) The Chair and members of the Assessment Committee, along with the substitute Chair and substitute members are appointed by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council.

Section 43

- (1) The official opponents are appointed by the Chair of the TTDT based on the decision of the Disciplinary Doctoral Council. The official opponents shall include at least one person who is not employed by the University. Only persons in the possession of academic degrees shall be eligible to serve as official opponents.
- (2) At the request of the TTDT, the two official opponents shall prepare written critiques of the doctoral dissertation within two months of their appointments. The opponents shall declare whether the conditions of the obtainment of the doctoral degree have been met and whether they recommend that dissertation be subject to a public disputation.
- (3) In the event that the appointed official opponent fails to submit the critique before the expiry of the two-month deadline, and indicates that the critique is not expected to be completed within the ensuing month, the TTDT shall withdraw the appointment of the opponent and turns the dissertation over to a new opponent.
- (4) In the event that a new opponent has to be appointed, the TTDT may choose to set a deadline shorter than the original for the preparation of the critique.
- (5) In the event that one of the two opponents does not recommend that the dissertation be subject to a public disputation, the TTDT shall appoint a third opponent.
- (6) ⁴⁹⁷In the event that two opponents do not recommend that the dissertation be subject to a public disputation, the TTDT shall terminate the doctoral procedure.

Section 44

- (1) The Chair of the TTDT shall refer the doctoral dissertation to a public disputation within no less than 15 but no more than 60 days of its receipt of two supporting critiques. The period specified in this paragraph shall exclude the months of July and August, with the exception of the provisions in Section 64 of the EDSZ.
- (2) Notable experts and representatives of the given topic shall be invited to the disputation with the abstracts of the dissertation attached to the invitations. The list of invitees shall be determined by the TTDT or the head of the doctoral school in accordance with the faculty doctoral regulations. After setting the date of the public disputation, the faculty office shall ensure that the dissertation is accessible to the public.
- (3) The Doctoral Candidate, the Chair and members of the Assessment Committee and the official opponents must be present at the disputation in person. In the event that no substitute members are named or if they are named but unavailable, the Chair of the

⁴⁹⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

Assessment Committee can make a decision to hold the disputation in exceptionally justified cases if one of the opponents or one of the members of the Assessment Committee are not present. If one of the members of the Assessment Committee is not present, he/she shall be obliged to give a written a statement on the evaluation of the dissertation as well as the Doctoral Candidate's written response to the critiques within

10 days of the day of the disputation and give an opinion on whether the Doctoral Candidate can receive the doctoral degree. If the public disputation cannot be held due to an absence, the Chair of the TTDT shall schedule the next public disputation for no less than 15 days later.

- (4) The Doctoral Candidate shall receive the critiques at least 15 days prior to the public disputation. The Doctoral Candidate shall prepare a written response to the critiques before the disputation and shall provide a verbal response in the public disputation during the defence of the dissertation.
- (5) The Doctoral Candidate shall present his/her abstracts of the dissertation and proceed to respond to the questions and comments of the opponents, members of the Assessment Committee and others present at the disputation. The disputation must also verify that the results of the dissertation are credible and the Student's own.
- (6) Following the close of the disputation, the Assessment Committee shall decide on the qualification of the dissertation by secret ballot in a closed session. Following the vote the Chair of the Assessment Committee shall announce the result of the defence. The Assessment Committee may opt to hear the topic supervisor prior to its closed session.
- (7) The performance of the Doctoral Candidate shall be evaluated by each member of the Assessment Committee on a five-grade scale. The defence is deemed successful if the candidate acquires 60% of the total number of points. The qualification of the dissertation shall be "summa cum laude" if the Candidate receives 90-100% of the maximum possible amount of points, "cum laude" if the Candidate receives 75-89% of the maximum possible amount of points, and "rite" if the Candidate receives 60-74% of the maximum possible amount of points.
- (8) A minutes shall be prepared of the defence. The minutes prepared of the defence – containing the most important statements made during the defence – are accessible to the public. A copy of the minutes may be given to the Candidate at his/her request.
- (9) At the request of the Doctoral Candidate, the Chair of the TTDT shall issue a verification of the qualification of the defence.
- (10) ⁴⁹⁸The doctoral procedure shall be concluded within one year of the submission of the doctoral dissertation.

The Qualification of the Doctoral Degree

Section 45

- (1) ⁴⁹⁹Following the public defence, the TTDT shall examine the doctoral procedure of the Doctoral Candidate. In the event that the council uncovers irregularities in the procedure, it shall act on the remedial of said irregularities.
- (2) The council, on the basis of a critique procedure conducted in accordance with the regulations, shall recommend the conferment and qualification of the doctoral degree, provided that the qualifications of the doctoral dissertation and the performance of the Doctoral Candidate in the public disputation are not "insufficient". Pursuant to Section 44 (7) of the present Regulations, the qualification of the degree can be "summa cum laude", "cum laude" or "rite".
- (3) The result of the comprehensive examination shall not count towards the qualification of the doctoral dissertation.

⁴⁹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁴⁹⁹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

- (4) In the event that the qualification of the doctoral dissertation and the performance of the Doctoral Candidate in the public disputation is deemed “insufficient”, the TTDT shall terminate the doctoral procedure.

REVOCATION OF THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

Section 46

- (1) The TTDT may recommend to the University Doctoral Council that it revoke the doctoral degree and the doctoral degree certificate within five years of its issuance if the certificate was obtained illicitly.
- (2) In the case of plagiarism, the TTDT may recommend to the University Doctoral Council at any time that it revoke the doctoral degree and the doctoral degree certificate. The rules for assessing whether plagiarism was committed in connection with the doctoral dissertation shall be the same ones that apply for the defence of the dissertation.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 47

The sum of the tuition fee shall be approved by the Faculty Council each year.

ANNEX 6/6
DOCTORAL REGULATIONS OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

THE DOCTORAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCES (TDT)

Section 1

- (1) ⁵⁰⁰The Chair of the Doctoral Council of Sciences (hereinafter: TDT) shall be the Vice-Dean for sciences, provided that he/she is a university professor. If this condition is not met, the Dean shall recommend the person who shall take on the role of TDT Chair, who shall be confirmed by the Faculty Council.
- (2) The TDT shall elect a Vice-Chair from among its members who are employed by the University. The Vice-Chair shall take on the responsibilities of the Chair in the event that the latter is unavailable.
- (3) The TDT shall be composed of 22 members and its Chair. Its members shall include the heads of the various doctoral schools (the Doctoral Schools of Biology, Physics, Earth Sciences, Chemistry, Environmental Sciences and Mathematics) along with two core members per doctoral school, who are professors, scientific consultants or habilitated associate professors or scientific fellows of the University. The doctoral schools shall appoint one substitute member each from among their core members who are authorised to substitute the representative of the doctoral school. The elected members and substitute of the TDT shall be recommended by the competent institutional council/centre in agreement with the competent doctoral school council. One further member of the TDT shall be chosen by the Doctoral Students in the manner prescribed by the Bylaws of the University Doctoral Student Union from among the doctoral students who have an active student status with one of the doctoral schools accredited at the Faculty. The TDT shall have two external members, who hold the title of Doctor of Science or Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and are recommended by the Chair of the TDT. The secretary of the TDT shall hold guest and consultation rights and shall be appointed by the Chair of the TDT.
- (4) Recommendations for the new members of the TDT shall be made by the institutional council/centre 60 days prior to the expiry of the mandate of the TDT, in line with paragraph (3). In the event that the mandate of one of the members of the TDT expires, the competent institutional council/centre shall recommend the election of a new member. The new member shall be elected by the Faculty Council by secret ballot.
- (5) The TDT shall meet at least every three months or as necessary. The meetings of the TDT are convened by the Chair, but they may also be convened by a doctoral school if needed. In these cases, the TDT meeting shall be convened within 14 days. The conditions of the operations of the TDT shall be ensured by the Dean's Office of Doctoral and Habilitation Qualification, and International Relations of the Faculty (hereinafter: Doctoral Group). The Doctoral Group shall also be responsible for performing the managerial tasks necessary for the operations of the TDT. The Doctoral Group shall keep information regarding the unique practical matters of the doctoral training and procedure up to date on its website (<http://teo.elte.hu>).
- (6) Quorum in the meetings of the TDT requires the attendance of more than half of the members with voting rights, including the Chair and the Vice-Chair. The TDT shall adopt its resolutions and recommendations by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the deciding vote shall be cast by the Chair. A minutes shall be prepared on the meeting of the TDT, a copy of which shall be sent to the Chair of the University Doctoral Council (EDT) and the members of the TDT within 15 days following the relevant meeting.
- (7) Permanent invitees to the meetings of the TDT shall include the Dean of the Faculty, as well as a Faculty Council member representing the doctoral schools.
- (8) The operations of the TDT shall be regulated by its rules of procedure.

Functions of the Doctoral Council of Sciences

⁵⁰⁰ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

Section 2

- (1) Beyond the functions laid out in Section 11 of the University Doctoral Regulations (EDSZ), the functions of the TDT shall include:
 - a) confirming the identities of the instructors and topic supervisors of the doctoral school based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school, making recommendations on the identities of the core members of the doctoral school as well as the granting of the title of emeritus core member,
 - b) deciding on the study arrangement of the applicants applying for individual doctoral programmes at the initiative of the doctoral schools, as well as – in justifiable cases – granting exemptions from the requirement to obtain the total amount of prescribed study units and credits,
 - c) deciding on Student requests to change their doctoral educational programmes or doctoral schools based on the opinions of the doctoral schools concerned,
 - d) deciding on the transfer of Students from other institutions based on the opinion of the doctoral school council,
 - e) deciding on initiation of the habitus investigation of Students wishing to prepare for the doctoral procedure on their own,
 - f) making a recommendation to the EDT in matters pertaining to the doctoral training and the conferment of the doctoral degree, the signing of agreements with other higher education institutions, science research institutions and research centres on cooperation,
 - g) giving an opinion on the use of the doctoral training appropriations as well as deciding on the distribution of funds among the various doctoral schools along with the distribution of doctoral grants among doctoral schools. The TDT shall also determine the amount of the Faculty's central reserves and shall decide on their spending. The TDT shall review on an annual basis the use of the funds available for the doctoral programmes.
- (2) The TDT and the Doctoral Group shall keep a record of the instructors of the individual doctoral schools.
- (3) As part of the training plan and at the initiative of the doctoral school councils, the TDT shall make recommendations on the subjects of the comprehensive examinations of the various doctoral schools as well as on their material.
- (4) The TDT may transfer its authority granted by points j) and r) of Section 11 (1) of the EDSZ to the leadership of the doctoral school.
- (5) The TDT shall elect in the manner regulated by its rules of procedure the members to represent the doctoral schools on the Faculty Council, along with the substitute member from among the core members, instructors and topic supervisors working employed full-time by the University and working at the Faculty's accredited doctoral schools.

THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL, THE HEAD OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL AND THE COUNCIL OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Section 3

- (1) The head of the doctoral school shall recommend – apart from those specified in Section 15 of the EDSZ – the persons to lead the doctoral educational programmes operating within the doctoral schools.
- (2) The heads of the doctoral educational programmes belonging to the doctoral schools shall be official members of the doctoral school councils.
- (3) The tasks of the doctoral school council shall include, apart from those specified in Section 16 (4) of the EDSZ:

- a) making a recommendation for the modification of the doctoral training programme by 15 April and 15 October each year,
 - b) making a recommendation on the composition of the three-member admission committees, as well as organising and overseeing the admission procedure,
 - c) making a recommendation to the TDT on those who should be admitted to state-funded, self-financed and individual preparatory doctoral programmes within the doctoral schools (doctoral educational programmes),
 - d) deciding on matters pertaining to the selection of a doctoral school, topic and/or topic supervisor at the recommendation of the head of the programme and at the request of the Doctoral Student. The council must inform the Chair of the TDT on its decision.
 - e) sending the list of announced lectures, lecturers, seminars and practical lessons to the Doctoral Group two weeks prior to the start of the semester. The council shall also specify the number of lessons and study units, time and place, the number of credits that are awarded for the given course, along with the names of the lecturers involved,
 - f) deciding on distribution and overseeing the use of funds available for the doctoral programme in the various doctoral schools,
 - g) organising the presentations of Doctoral Students and deciding on the lists of foreign languages necessary for the research of the given topic as well as the list of languages that are accepted by the Faculty,
 - h) initiating with the TDT the establishment of new doctoral educational programmes and making a recommendation for the identity of the head of the doctoral educational programme.
 - i) preparing the operational regulations of the doctoral school. The operational regulations shall regulate the provisions listed in Section 14 (2) of the EDSZ.
- (4) The doctoral school council shall meet on a regular basis, at least every three months.
 - (5) The doctoral school council shall prepare minutes of its sessions, whose copy it shall send to the Chair of the TDT.
 - (6) The doctoral school council shall compile and submit to the TDT for approval the academic requirements of the individual preparatory doctoral programme.

Doctoral Educational Programmes

Section 4

- (1) Doctoral educational programmes shall be operated pertaining to the individual disciplines within the framework of the doctoral schools accredited at the Faculty.
- (2) The academic and educational activities of the doctoral training conducted within the doctoral educational programmes shall be managed by the head of the doctoral educational programme, who shall be a core member, university professor or habilitated associate professor of the doctoral school. The work of the head of the doctoral educational programme shall be aided by the programme council.
- (3) ⁵⁰¹The academic work of the Doctoral Student within the doctoral programme shall be managed and overseen by the topic supervisor. In the event that the topic supervisor is abroad, his/her signature shall be substituted by that of the head of the programme. The topic supervisor shall be appointed by the head of the doctoral programme based on the selection of the Doctoral Student. The topic supervisor shall inform the Doctoral Student on necessary academic information in connection with the Student's compulsory and elective academic obligations and shall manage and monitor the Student's research activities. If the topic supervisor is not employed by the University, the council of the doctoral school may assign an internal consultant or co-supervisor to the Student. In terms of topic supervision, professors emeriti and members of HAS-ELTE research groups shall be considered internal topic supervisors.

⁵⁰¹Amended by Senate resolution XIX/2019. (III. 4.) on the amendment to the annex to the University Doctoral Regulations (ELTE Organisational and Operational Regulations Vol. 2. Annex 6 to the Academic Regulations for Students). Effective March 5, 2019.

Topic Supervisors, Instructors of the Doctoral School

Section 5

- (1) The supervisor of the doctoral topic shall be an instructor or researcher holding an academic degree involved in active research activities who – at the recommendation of the doctoral school – is considered qualified by the TDT to carry out educational tasks within the framework of the doctoral school and whose proposed topic is approved by the school. The topic supervisor must also be viewed as a person who can responsibly direct and aid the studies, research activities of and prepare for the obtainment of the doctoral degree a Student researching the given topic. One Doctoral Student may have no more than two topic supervisors. The topic supervisor shall evaluate the quality of the research work of the Doctoral Student in the examination period of each semester in the Electronic Registration System. The topic supervisor shall completely fill in the details required to be entered into the database of the National Doctoral Council (ODT).
- (2) The Doctoral Student shall have until the end of the third semester following the commencement of the doctoral studies to continue his/her doctoral studies in another doctoral programme, with a different doctoral topic or under the direction of a different topic supervisor. The Student may request a change of topic without providing justification.
- (3) In academically justified cases, the Student shall be allowed more than three semesters to request that he/she be permitted to continue the doctoral programme on a different topic within the programme, citing objective difficulties with the ability to research the topic, or in the event of the prolonged unavailability of the topic supervisor, continue the doctoral programme with a different topic supervisor. The request shall be ruled on by the doctoral school council based on the written opinion of the head of the programme.
- (4) The topic supervisor of the Doctoral Student may have until the end of the fourth semester to withdraw from the supervision of the topic, on the condition of a detailed justification. The supervisor's request shall be ruled on by the doctoral school council on the basis of the written opinion of the head of the programme. Simultaneously to the decision on the supervisor, the council shall appoint a new topic supervisor.
- (5) In the event of the death of the topic supervisor, the decision on the appointment of a new topic supervisor shall be made by the doctoral school council.
- (6) The head of the doctoral programme shall notify the Doctoral Student and the Chair of the TDT in writing about the changing of the doctoral topic and/or topic supervisor.
- (7) The doctoral consultant shall be a person holding an academic degree aiding the work of the Doctoral Student who shall aid the Doctoral Student's research and preparation over the course of the doctoral programme/obtainment of the doctoral degree. The consultant shall only have professional consultation rights.
- (8) The instructor of the doctoral school shall be an instructor or researcher holding an academic degree who the TDT considers qualified – on the basis of the recommendation of the doctoral school – to carry out topic supervision and educational tasks within the framework of the doctoral school. The instructor can initiate the announcement of his/her subject with the doctoral school once it has been approved as part of the curriculum of the doctoral school.
- (9) The instructor must completely fill in the relevant details required to be entered into the database of the ODT. The instructor shall also make sure that the exam grades of the given subject are entered into the Electronic Registration System over the course of the given examination period.

ADMISSION TO THE ORGANISED DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Section 6

- (1) The TDT shall announce the joint admission requirements and offerings for its doctoral schools on an annual basis in the national doctoral admissions guide. The organisation, implementation and oversight of the entrance examinations shall be the responsibility of chairs of the Disciplinary Doctoral Councils, heads of the doctoral schools and heads of the doctoral educational programmes.
- (2) The Faculty of Sciences shall announce on its official website its admission requirements and offerings by the end March of each year.
- (3) The Admission Committee shall evaluate the performances of the applicants, on the basis of which it shall prepare a ranking of the applicants and recommends either their admission or rejection. The recommendation (minutes) shall indicate the study arrangement to which the applicant's admission is recommended (state-funded organised programme, self-funded organised programme or individual programme)
- (4) The admission procedure shall assess the applicants'
 - a) general intelligence in the field,
 - b) levels of preparedness in the field covered by their programme of choice,
 - c) university degrees and results obtained over the course of their university studies,
 - d) prior academic work or work in scientific student associations,
 - e) feasibility of their research plan,
 - f) proficiency in foreign languages (students must provide proof of proficiency in a foreign language required for academic research in the form of a complex [type "C"] intermediate level (B2) state-certified language exam or an equivalent certificate). If the Student's secondary school or university studies were completed in a language other than Hungarian, the certificate verifying the completion of the studies shall be accepted as proof of proficiency of the given language irrespective of nationality or citizenship.
- (5) ⁵⁰²Knowing the application data of the normal admission procedure, each doctoral school can decide to announce a supplementary admission procedure to tuition-funded places. The method of announcing the supplementary admission, the conditions for applying and the content of the admission procedure are the same as the normal admission procedure. The supplementary admission procedure must be scheduled in such a way that its results are available before the end of the enrolment period and the university registration period. The application period for the supplementary admissions and the dates of the announcement of the results must be published on the website of the Faculty of Science.
- (6) ⁵⁰³The doctoral schools of the Faculty of Science can also announce a doctoral programme and admission procedure starting in February, in the form of a tuition-based programme, which must be published in the doctoral admission guide for the given year. The method of announcing the admission for the cross-semester, the application requirements and the content of the admission procedure are the same as those of the summer admission procedure. The deadline for applications for programmes starting in February is 15 December each year.

ORGANISED DOCTORAL TRAINING

Section 7

- (1) The Doctoral Group shall notify the doctoral schools about the scheduling of the enrolment and registration periods and shall also announce them on its website. As part of the registration for the semester, the Doctoral Student shall be required to register for the compulsory and/or elective academic obligations of semester (study units, credits) out of the subjects announced. Upon individual request the Student may register for subjects not a part of the curriculum of the given

⁵⁰² Enacted by Senate Resolution LIV/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

⁵⁰³ Established by Senate Resolution CLXXI/2021. (IX. 29.). Effective September 28, 2021.

doctoral school. The request shall be subject to the written approvals the head of the doctoral school, doctoral programme and the topic supervisor. The Doctoral Student shall also be obligated to register for the semester and the academic obligations in the Electronic Registration System as well. The venue of the research centre of the Doctoral Student shall be indicated by the head of the competent doctoral educational programme in the form of a written statement, which shall be presented to the Doctoral Group at the time of enrolment.

(2) The Student must indicate his/her existing intention to postpone the continuation of his/her studies (interrupt the student status) via the Electronic Registration System by the end of the registration period.

(3) The Student may not suspend the doctoral studies for a period longer than two consecutive semesters at once. In justified cases, the Chair of the TDT may allow an extension of the suspension of the student status. The Student may not receive scholarship funding while the student status is suspended. The student status may only be suspended after a completed semester and solely for full semesters. In especially justified cases, the Student may be permitted to postpone the continuation of his/her studies at the start of the doctoral training for a maximum of two semesters. This request shall be filed to the Chair of the TDT. The supporting signatures of the topic supervisor, the head of the doctoral programme and the head of the doctoral school shall be attached to the written request to interrupt the doctoral studies.

(4) The Doctoral Student can take on a maximum of two passive semesters in the training and research phase of the doctoral programme.

(5) If the student suspends his/her doctoral studies (via postponement or out of failure to register for the semester), the student status shall be passive. Students who are unable to continue their studies following two consecutive passive semesters shall have their names deleted from the list of enrolled students.

(6) The training plan of the Faculty's doctoral programme may include courses taught in a foreign language.

(7) The unit of measurement of the academic requirements shall be the study unit equivalent to 1 contact hour and the credit. The credit values of the study units are regulated by the doctoral schools. One study unit shall be the equivalent of the completion of 14 weeks' worth of lessons numbering one lesson per week.

(8) All doctoral students must complete a total of 16 study units over the course of the doctoral programme, broken down to at least two compulsory study units per semester. The Student shall keep completing study units until the required amount is completed.

(9) The doctoral schools when announcing their lessons shall announce their credit values as well along with the method of assessment. The doctoral schools may prescribe in their training plans the specific lessons the Doctoral Student may participate in. In justified cases, the head of the doctoral programme may allow, at the recommendation of the topic supervisor, the Doctoral Student to register for compulsory elective courses and special lectures announced within the framework of the university training, within the 16 required study units, provided that they meet the accreditation criteria. Lessons aimed at language learning shall not count towards the required study units.

(10) The completion of study units and credits shall be verified by the lecturer of the given topic via the Electronic Registration System. Following the verification through the electronic system, the lecturer shall print out and sign the exam form prior to sending it to the Doctoral Group. Registration for exams shall be done via the Electronic Registration System. The completion and evaluation of the research work shall be verified by the head of the educational programme via the Electronic Registration System each semester after hearing the opinion of the topic supervisor.

(11) The Doctoral Student may participate in part-time training abroad on the basis of a work programme which ensures the validity of the given study period in the doctoral educational programme.

(12) Decisions on the recognition of doctoral study units and credits acquired in other institutions via part-time studies there shall be made by the head of the doctoral educational programme at the request of the Student and the recommendation of the topic supervisor. The completion of part-time studies in the other institution shall be indicated in the Electronic Registration System.

(13) The recognition of study units completed in doctoral programmes that were commenced in other institutions shall be ruled on by the doctoral school council based on the recommendation of the head of the competent doctoral educational programme. The opinion of the doctoral school council shall cover the recognition of the topic supervisor up to that point, the acquired study units and credits.

(14) In the event that a state-funded place becomes vacant in a manner other than the case described in Section 34 (1)-(2) of the EDSZ, the head of the competent doctoral school shall make a recommendation taking into consideration the provisions laid out in Section 48 (3) of Nftv. on which Doctoral Student out of the ones admitted to self-financed programmes should be placed in the vacant state-funded spot. The granting of the state scholarship shall be approved by the Chair of the TDT.

(15) ⁵⁰⁴The completion of the prescribed academic obligations shall be verified by the pre-degree certificate (absolutorium). The obtainment of the absolutorium is a pre-requisite of the initiation of the doctoral procedure. The application form for the absolutorium shall be submitted to the Doctoral Group by the end of the last semester of the programme. However, the obtainment of the absolutorium shall not verify the successful completion of either the research work, the completion of the publication criteria that are pre-requisites to the submission of the doctoral dissertation or the completion of the dissertation.

(16) The Doctoral Students shall be obligated to perform lecturing duties over the course of the doctoral programme. The agreement on the lecturing duties shall be signed with the competent employer (faculty, institute, department) at the recommendation of the head of the doctoral educational programme for a definite period. The completion of the assignment shall be verified by the head of the competent organisational unit.

(17) The Doctoral Students generally complete their tasks at the University (the research centre taking part in the doctoral educational programme). In the cases of doctoral educational programmes organised jointly by multiple universities, the assignments are to be fulfilled at the University of the topic supervisor. The Student may pursue the research work at an external institute if the topic supervisor verifies that the conditions of research are met.

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Obtainment of the Doctoral Degree

Section 8

⁵⁰⁶The Doctoral Student shall submit the doctoral dissertation within three academic years after passing the comprehensive examination in line with the provisions laid out in the University Doctoral Regulations.

Application for the Comprehensive Examination Without Preliminary Doctoral Training, Habitus Investigation

Section 9

(1) Application for the comprehensive examination and the obtainment of the doctoral degree without preliminary doctoral training shall also be open to individuals who received their degrees no less than five years prior to their application, meet the admission criteria of the doctoral school and for whom it can be determined based on their professional and academic achievements that their academic works meet at least the assessment criteria of the academic and research phase of the doctoral programme.

(2) On the basis of the request the doctoral school council shall carry out a habitus investigation based on the detailed opinion of the head of the doctoral programme or department in charge of the doctoral topic. Over the course of the habitus investigation,

⁵⁰⁴ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁵⁰⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

⁵⁰⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

the council shall assess the applicant's curriculum vitae, academic performance prior to his/her submission of the request, academic publications, other academic works, lecture activities, etc.

- (3) The result of the habitus investigation shall be expressed in form of credits allocated in the curriculum for research and lecture tasks. A minutes shall be prepared of the result of the investigation complete with a justification. If the applicant acquires the number of credits necessary to be granted permission to take the comprehensive examination, the council of the doctoral school, based on the result of the habitus investigation, shall recommend to the Disciplinary Doctoral Council that the applicant be granted permission to take the exam. The calculation of the credits shall not take into account the breakdown of academic and research credits applying to Students taking part in organised programmes.
- (4) The applicant shall pay the sum stipulated in Annex 4 of the present Regulations for the habitus investigation and the comprehensive examination, unless the applicant is employed by the University.
- (5) The decision the applicant's admission or granting the applicant permission to take the comprehensive examination shall be taken by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council based on the recommendation of the council of the doctoral school.
- (6) The provisions laid out in paragraphs (2)-(5) shall also apply to comprehensive examination applicants who obtained their pre-degree certificates in other institutions.

Foreign Language Proficiency

Section 10⁵⁰⁷

- (1) The applicant shall have the foreign-language proficiency necessary for the given academic field, as defined in the regulations of the doctoral school, at the time of applying for the doctoral programme.
- (2) The condition for obtaining the doctoral degree shall be the level of foreign language proficiency required for the academic research of the doctoral topic, as defined in the regulations of the doctoral school, and proof of this proficiency in accordance with the regulations.

Independent Academic Publication

Section 11

Prior to preparing the doctoral dissertation, the Applicant must verify his/her academic work history by providing two or more papers published in an edited scientific journal considered prestigious in the given field, volume of studies or papers accepted for publication. The papers must be on the topic of the doctoral dissertation. Only papers that have been published in the Hungarian Scientific Publications Database (MTMT) shall be taken into account. Papers that have been accepted for publication may also be submitted. The council of the competent doctoral school may prescribe that the paper be a lead-authored article. The needs of the given field shall be determined by the Doctoral School Council and the academic field with respect to where the papers were published, and approved by the TDT.

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Section 12

- (1) The comprehensive examination is comprised of two parts. In the theoretical part of the comprehensive examination, the examinee shall be tested in at least two subjects. The theoretical exam may include a written part.

⁵⁰⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

In the second part of the comprehensive examination the examinee shall give account of his/her lexical knowledge in the form of a lecture, give account of his/her research results, present his/her research plan pertaining to the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral programme and the planned schedule of the preparation and publication of the doctoral dissertation.

- (2) ⁵⁰⁸The exam committee shall evaluate the two parts of the exam on their own. A minutes containing an evaluation of the exam shall also be prepared by the exam committee. The result of the examination shall be announced on the day of the examination. In the event that the Student fails to pass the exam, he/she may be given one further opportunity to retake the exam on the subject(s) that was/were unsuccessful.
- (3) The comprehensive examination shall be taken in public, in front of an exam committee. The committee shall consist of at least three members, at least one of whom is not employed by the University. The committee chair shall be a professor, professor emeritus or habilitated associate professor at the University. Only persons with academic degrees may be on the exam committee. The committee shall also include substitute members. All members of the committee shall be required to have academic degrees. The topic supervisor of the examinee may not be a member of the committee.
- (4) Applications for the comprehensive examination held in the spring examination period shall be turned in by 31 March of the given year and applications for the comprehensive examination held in the autumn examination period shall be turned in by 31 October of the given year. The topic supervisor has until this deadline to submit his/her written opinion to the Doctoral Group. The doctoral school shall send the comprehensive exam schedule to the Doctoral Group by the start of the examination period. The comprehensive exam schedule shall be published three weeks in advance.
- (5) The comprehensive examination shall be conducted in Hungarian but may be conducted in a foreign language on the condition or preliminary approval.
- (6) ⁵⁰⁹⁵¹⁰ The examination committee shall evaluate the performance of the examinee on a subject-by-subject basis in the theoretical part of the exam. On the basis of this, the committee shall evaluate the examinee's performance subject by subject and as a whole on a two-grade scale (pass, fail). If the examinee fails to pass one of the theoretical subjects of the examination, he/she may attempt a retake of the subject in question within the same examination period on the day set aside for retake exams.
- (7) Credits shall not be awarded for the comprehensive examination.
- (8) ⁵¹¹

THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Section 13

- (1) ⁵¹²The doctoral dissertation is a comprehensive work summarising the goals, new scientific accomplishments, lexical knowledge and research methods of the Doctoral Student. The doctoral dissertation shall be written in Hungarian or English, but may also be written in another foreign language in justified cases and with the preliminary approval of the doctoral school council.
- (2) If the Student has a widely-published dissertation, a condensed dissertation may be submitted at the recommendation of the doctoral school and with the approval of the TDT.

⁵⁰⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive examination period after the amendment.

⁵⁰⁹ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁵¹⁰ Amended by Senate resolution CCLI/2016. (XII. 12.) on the amendment to the annex to the University Doctoral Regulations pertaining to the Faculty of Sciences. Effective December 12, 2016.

⁵¹¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive examination period after the amendment.

⁵¹² Amended by Senate Resolution CCXLVIII/2018. (XI. 12.) on the amendment to Annex 6/6 of the University Doctoral Regulations – the Faculty Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Sciences. Effective November 13, 2018.

- (3) The dissertation may only be submitted with the approval of the topic supervisor and the head of the doctoral educational programme. In accordance with Section 61 of the EDSZ, a written opinion, recommendation of the dissertation by the topic supervisor may serve as the preliminary scientific assessment of the dissertation instead of a research centre disputation. At the time of the submission of the dissertation, the topic supervisor must submit a written statement on the publication history of the Doctoral Student. The detailed conditions of the acceptance of co-authored publications are regulated by the doctoral school.
- (4) The abstracts submitted simultaneously with the dissertation shall contain the main goals, scientific results and research methods of the dissertation along with the Doctoral Student's publications in the given topic.
- (5) The publicity of the material of the dissertation submitted electronically as prescribed by the University Doctoral Regulations shall be handled by the Doctoral Group.

THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE AND THE PUBLIC DISPUTATION⁵¹³

Section 14

- (1) ⁵¹⁴The Assessment Committee shall be composed of its Chair, secretary, and three committee members. The Chair of the Committee shall be a professor, professor emeritus or habilitated associate professor of the University. Members of the Assessment Committee must hold an academic degree. The opponent who rejected the doctoral dissertation must also be invited to the public disputation. At least one-third of the Assessment Committee must be external professionals in the given discipline. The public disputation may proceed even in the event that one member and/or opponent is not present.
- (2) ⁵¹⁵The date and time of the public disputation shall be published 15 days beforehand. The public disputation shall be held in the autumn and spring semesters. In special cases, the disputation may be held in July. The request for this must be addressed to the Chair of the TDT, and it shall be approved if the details pertaining to the disputation are sent by the Doctoral Student to the Doctoral Group by 30 June at the latest. The Chair of the TDT shall decide on the request after weighing the special reasons indicated in the request. Notable representatives of the given topic shall be invited to the disputation. The dissertation and its abstracts may be viewed at the Doctoral Group in their printed forms.
- (3) The public disputation shall be held in Hungarian, but may be held in a foreign language with preliminary permission from the doctoral school council.
- (4) The public disputation is chaired by the Chair of the Assessment Committee. The disputation shall begin with the opening address of the Chair of the Committee. The Candidate shall present the abstracts of the doctoral dissertation summarising the work within the framework of the disputation. Following this, the opponents shall give their opinions on dissertation and following a response from the Candidate, present their proposals for the acceptance or rejection of the dissertation. During the disputation, those present – including members of the Assessment Committee – may pose questions to the Candidate and may address the disputation. The Candidate may respond to the questions and comments separately or all at once.
- (5) Following the disputation, the Assessment Committee shall hear the opinion of the topic supervisor. Following this, the Assessment Committee, shall decide on the qualification of the dissertation by secret ballot in a closed meeting in the absence of the topic supervisor.
- (6) The opponents do not take part in the vote, but may alter their critiques based on the disputation. Those taking part in the secret vote shall assess the defence of the doctoral

⁵¹³ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁵¹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵¹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

dissertation by awarding it between 1-5 points. A defence receiving less than 60% of the total number of points available shall qualify as “insufficenter” (1), one receiving at least 60% shall qualify as “rite” (2), one receiving at least 70% shall qualify as “cum laude” (3) and one receiving at least 87% shall qualify as “summa cum laude” (4). The combined result of the doctoral procedure must count the points awarded for the defence of the dissertation. The Chair of the Committee shall declare the result of the disputation in public.

- (7) In the event that the defence of the dissertation is unsuccessful, the doctoral procedure shall be terminated. A new doctoral procedure may not be initiated in the same topic until two years’ following the procedure in question.
- (8) ⁵¹⁶⁵¹⁷The qualification of the doctoral degree shall be the weighted average of one times the number of points awarded through the theoretical part of the comprehensive examination and the critiques and two times the number of points awarded for the defence of the dissertation. The final qualification of the doctoral degree may be the following: “summa cum laude” between 3.51-4, “cum laude” between 2.51-3.5, “rite” between 2.0-2.5 or “insufficenter” below 2.0. The method for calculating the number of points to be awarded for the theoretical part of the comprehensive examination is contained in the operational regulations of the doctoral schools.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC DEGREES OBTAINED ABROAD

Section 15

- (1) The request for the national recognition of an academic degree obtained abroad as a doctoral degree shall be submitted through a form at the Doctoral Group.
- (2) The nostrification request shall be assessed by the council of the relevant doctoral school based on the opinion of the opponent officially appointed on the basis of the recommendation of the head of the doctoral education programme.

FEES PAYABLE AT THE DOCTORAL SCHOOLS OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCES

Tuition

Section 16

- (1) The sum of the tuition fee of the doctoral training, along with other fees payable determined by the Faculty shall be approved by the Dean with respect to the various doctoral programmes and the Doctoral Student categories for a period of one semester based on the recommendations of the doctoral schools at the initiative of the Chair of the TDT.
- (2) The sum of the tuition fee referred to above may be reduced on the basis of a request for equity for the given semester based on case-by-case assessments. The request shall be assessed by the Vice-Dean for science.

Titles and Sums of Processing Fees Payable By Doctoral Students

Section 17⁵¹⁸

Processing fees and fees to be paid for copies of the transcripts (e-index) payable by the Doctoral Students at the Faculty shall be the same as the fees valid for the Faculty’s programmes.

⁵¹⁶ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁵¹⁷ Amended by Senate resolution CCXCIX/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018, with its provisions first being applied to students enrolling for the autumn semester of the 2019/2020 academic year.

⁵¹⁸ Section and preceding sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Fees Pertaining to the Comprehensive Examination

Section 18

- (1) The fee payable for taking the comprehensive examination without preliminary doctoral training and the conducting of the habitus investigation shall be HUF 60,000. Of this fee, HUF 20,000 shall be payable for the application for the comprehensive examination and HUF 40,000 shall be payable for the habitus investigation. The habitus investigation shall be free of charge for applicants who are lecturers or researchers of the faculty in charge of organising the comprehensive examination. Such applicants shall only be liable to pay the comprehensive examination application fee. The applicant shall provide proof of having paid the fee simultaneously to his/her submission of the comprehensive examination application. The fee shall be non-refundable even in the event that the Disciplinary Doctoral Council rejects the comprehensive examination application.
- (2) The fee payable for the organisation the comprehensive examination in the case of students without preliminary doctoral training shall be HUF 100,000 which shall comprise the remuneration of those involved in the examination, the income of the faculties contributing to the organisation of the exam as well as the enrolment fee payable following a successful exam.

Honoraria Payable to the Committee Members Participating in the Doctoral Procedure⁵¹⁹

Section 19

- (1) ⁵²⁰Committee members contributing to the doctoral programme and the doctoral procedure shall be paid the following honoraria irrespective of the language in which the procedure is conducted, provided that they are not employed by the University:
 - a) Member of the comprehensive examination committee: HUF 14,000
 - b) Writing opponent: HUF 20,000
- (2) The honoraria shall only be paid out on the basis of agency agreements, provided that the agent sends the payroll documentation by the deadline specified in the attachment to the letter of appointment to the Doctoral Group.
- (3) Agents who are not residents of Budapest shall have their travel costs covered provided that they send the payroll documentation by the deadline specified in the attachment to the letter of appointment to the Doctoral Group.

FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

The Doctoral Dissertation

Section 20

- (1) The doctoral dissertation shall be submitted in binding and shall be prepared in A4 or A5 format with a word processor programme with font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.
- (2) ⁵²¹The external cover must contain the title “Doctoral Dissertation” along with the name of the author and the year of authorship. The first page (internal cover) of the dissertation shall include: the title of the dissertation, the DOI ID, the name of the author, the names of the doctoral school and the doctoral programme, the names of their heads as well as the

⁵¹⁹ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective. April 17, 2020.

⁵²⁰ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective. April 17, 2020

⁵²¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

name, position and academic degree of the topic supervisor. It must also include the name of the research centre where the dissertation was written.

- (3) ⁵²²A Hungarian and English-language summary of the dissertation shall be attached to the end of the document, each being 1 page in length. The dissertation must also contain a table of contents as well as a bibliography completed in accordance with the standards of the discipline in question, complete with full bibliographic information, which, wherever possible, contains the DOI IDs of the documents referenced. The DOI application form must also be attached to the end of the dissertation as a separate document in a separate file.
- (4) The internal breakdown of the dissertation must follow the norms generally accepted for and required of academic publications. Its grammar must follow the rules of Hungarian grammar.
- (5) The length of a doctoral dissertation submitted in the form of an abstract shall be 20-30 pages.

Formal and Content Requirements of the Abstracts

Section 21

- (1) The abstracts of the doctoral dissertation must be turned simultaneously to submitting the doctoral dissertation. The abstracts may not exceed 10 pages (including the bibliography) and shall be submitted in A5 format. The abstracts must be written with font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing. The abstracts must be submitted both in Hungarian and English.
- (2) The abstracts shall contain:
 - a) a cover page containing the title of the doctoral dissertation, the title “Abstracts of the Doctoral Dissertation”, the name of the author, the names of the doctoral school and programme and their heads, the name of the topic supervisor as well as the year of submission,
 - b) the background of the work (introduction, the goals of the project),
 - c) the methodologies used,
 - d) an outline of the author’s own results (abstracts, theses),
 - e) the conclusions of the dissertation,
 - f) ⁵²³a list of publications serving as the basis of the abstracts with complete bibliographic information, which, wherever possible, includes the DOI IDs of the documents referenced, along with a list of further academic works published by the Candidate in the topic of the dissertation.

RULES OF THE OBTAINMENT OF CREDITS

Section 22

- (1) Training (study) credits may be awarded for participation in school system-based studies. The Student may obtain 1-3 credits with attending and taking an exam in one given subject per semester. The completion of the credit shall be verified by the lecturer of the subject indicated in the Electronic Registration System based on the subject registered for and the requirement for its completion.
- (2) Educational activity at the Faculty shall cover leading seminars or participating in laboratory-based teaching. One contact hour per week shall be worth no more than one credit. The completion of the educational activity shall be verified by the head of the

⁵²²Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

⁵²³Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

programme and the head of the competent department in the Electronic Registration System.

- (3) Decisions on the recognition of credits obtained through part-time and visiting studies at other institutions shall be made by the councils of the doctoral schools.
- (4) The rules applying to credit transfer shall be the same as the rules valid for graduate programmes.
- (5) Participation in training or research coinciding with but prior to the doctoral training outside the framework of the doctoral (PhD) programme shall be considered previous achievements. Decisions on the recognition of previous achievements shall be made by the doctoral school council based on the recommendations of the topic supervisor and the head of the doctoral programme, determining the number of credits that can be recognised.
- (6) Other matters pertaining to credit calculation and recognition shall be regulated by the provisions found in the operational regulations of the competent doctoral school. The new rules of credit obtainment shall be implemented in the doctoral programmes in a phasing-out system.

Section 23⁵²⁴

⁵²⁴ Section and subsequent sub-heading repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

ANNEX 6/7⁵²⁵
DOCTORAL REGULATIONS
OF THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS⁵²⁶

THE SCOPE OF THE REGULATIONS

Section 1⁵²⁷

The scope of the Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Economics extends to the persons and activities listed in Section 1 of the University Doctoral Regulations (hereinafter: EDSZ).

THE ORGANISATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AND THE OBTAINMENT OF THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

The Doctoral Council of Business Economics (GDT)

Section 2⁵²⁸

(1) The Faculty of Economics (hereinafter: GTK) has a disciplinary doctoral council in accordance with the EDSZ, the Doctoral Council of Business Economics (hereinafter: GDT).

(2) The GDT has 7 members. The head of the doctoral school(s) operating at the institute is an ex officio member. Its other members are two external ones who do not have an employment status with the university, as well as a representative of active doctoral students pursuing studies at the doctoral school at GTK. With the exception of the doctoral student representative, GDT members must meet the requirements for core members of the doctoral school.

(3) The chair of the GDT and the members who are not ex officio members are elected by the Faculty Council by secret ballot for 3 a period of years on the proposal of the doctoral school and are appointed by the director of the institute. The doctoral student representative is delegated by the University Doctoral Student Union according to its statutes.

(4) The

- a) the Dean of the Faculty,
- b) the head of the Faculty's Student Affairs and Registrar's Office and
- c) anyone invited by the chair

shall be authorised to attend the council's meetings with consultation rights.

Section 3

(1) The mandate of the members of the GDT shall cease upon

- a) the expiry of their mandate
- b) resignation
- c) the expiry of the student status in the case of a member representing Doctoral Students
- d) for reasons laid out in Section 5 (2)-(4) of the EDSZ – the recall of the member
- e) death of the member

(2) ⁵²⁹The member is recalled based on the decision of the Faculty Council at the recommendation of the GDT.

⁵²⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCLXIII/2019. (XII. 16.) on the establishment of the Doctoral School of Business Economics. Effective from the day the Educational Authority's resolution registering the doctoral programme of the Institute of Business Economics enters into force.

⁵²⁶ Title amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵²⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵²⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵²⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

- (3) ⁵³⁰If the mandate of a member of the GDT is terminated before the expiration of the GDT's mandate, the Faculty Council shall elect a new member and the Doctoral Student Union shall delegate a new member for the remainder of the GDT's mandate.

Section 4

- (1) The GDT shall meet at least twice over the course of the academic year and/or as required.
- (2) Meetings of the GDT shall be convened by the chair.
- (3) The members of the GDT shall have the right to vote.
- (4) Quorums in the meetings of the GDT requires the presence of more than half of the members with voting rights.
- (5) Decisions of the GDT shall be taken by majority vote. A secret ballot shall be held on personnel matters.
- (6) Those concerned shall be notified of the decisions of the GDT in writing.
- (7) ⁵³¹A minutes shall be taken of the meetings of the GDT, containing the decisions taken at the meeting and a summary of what was discussed. The minutes shall be drawn up by a member of the staff of the Institute Office and approved by the chair. Decisions shall be published on the faculty's website.
- (8) ⁵³²Secretarial tasks of the GDT shall be carried out by the Faculty Office.
- (9) In justified cases, the GDT may also vote by e-mail.

Section 5

- (1) The tasks and powers of disciplinary doctoral councils are regulated by Section 11 of the EDSZ. Accordingly, the GDT:
- a) shall make proposals to the University Doctoral Council regarding
 - aa) the conferment, qualification, revocation of doctoral degrees,
 - ab) the appointment of the head of the doctoral school,
 - ac) members of the doctoral school and granting the title of "emeritus (emerita) core member";
 - b) decide on
 - ba) admitting students to the comprehensive examination, the subjects of the comprehensive examination based on the contents of the training plan, the composition of the examination board
 - bb) referring the doctoral dissertation for the critique procedure,
 - bc) the official opponents for the doctoral dissertation and the composition of the Assessment Committee,
 - c) ⁵³³proposes the text and amendment of the faculty's doctoral regulations,
 - d) approves the identity of the lecturers, topic announcers and supervisors of the doctoral school based on the recommendation of the Doctoral School Council,
 - e) determines the number of students to be admitted to the doctoral school(s) each year,
 - f) announces the conditions for participation in the doctoral programme,
 - g) appoints the members of the admission committee(s)
 - h) decides on admissions to doctoral programme,
 - i) monitors the operation of the doctoral programmes,
 - j) elects the members of the Doctoral School Council and submits its decision to the University Doctoral Council for approval, based on the recommendation of the core members of the doctoral school
 - k) gives an opinion on the identity of the head of the doctoral school,

⁵³⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵³¹ Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵³² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵³³ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

1) ⁵³⁴decides on reallocations between students enrolled in state-funded programmes and those in self-financed programmes on the basis of the conditions and procedure specified in the faculty doctoral regulations.

(2) The GDT shall also decide on the recognition of credits obtained in domestic or foreign part-time studies, other doctoral schools, and on the recognition of previous academic achievements as credits. (Sections 79-82 of the EDSZ)

The Doctoral School

Section 6

(1) A doctoral school is an organisational form of organised and individual doctoral training at the university, in which doctoral programmes prepare students for the acquisition of a doctoral degree. The doctoral school carries out its tasks within the framework of one or more doctoral programmes. The head of the doctoral school is responsible for the educational work and academic standard of the activities carried out at the doctoral school. The body established to assist the head of the doctoral school and to manage the doctoral school is the Doctoral School Council (hereinafter: DIT).

(2) The responsibilities of and the method of electing the head of a doctoral school are regulated by Section 15 of the EDSZ.

The Head of the Doctoral School

Section 7

(1) The head of the doctoral school may be a core member university professor of the doctoral school or a doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The head of the school is responsible for its academic standards and educational work.

(2) The identity of the head of the doctoral school and their mandate shall be recommended by the core members of the doctoral school. Nominees should be individuals who are supported by the majority of core members.

Section 8

(1) The head of the doctoral school shall take into account his/her duties and powers laid out in the EDSZ when

- a) directing and organising the work of the doctoral school;
- b) preparing the rules of procedure of the doctoral school and submitting them to the GDT;
- c) making proposals concerning
 - ca) the number and identity of the members of the DIT;
 - cb) the qualification of DIT instructors as core members or supervisors; the identity of the instructors and, where appropriate, the invited speakers;
- d) chairing the meetings of the DIT;
- e) monitoring the compilation of the semester curricula and submitting them to the DIT;
- f) supervising the academic and research activities of doctoral students enrolled at the doctoral school;

g) monitoring the activities of the topic supervisors. In the event of a regular and serious breach of the topic supervisor's obligations, the head of the doctoral school may initiate the suspension or termination of the supervisor's qualification in line with Section 17 (3) of the EDSZ;

h) at the request of the student, deciding on the registration for a subject requested by a doctoral student of another higher education institution;

- i) ⁵³⁵proposing the budget appropriations of the doctoral school in the faculty's budget.

⁵³⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵³⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

(2) In his/her absence, the head of the doctoral school shall be replaced by the vice-chair of the DIT.

Instructors of the Doctoral School

Section 9

(1) Only members of the doctoral school who meet the requirements of Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education as well as the provisions of Government Decree no. 387/2012 (XII. 19.) on doctoral schools, the doctoral procedure and habilitation may be appointed as members of the doctoral school.

(2) The instructors and topic announcers of the doctoral school may be public employees of Eötvös Loránd University, or commissioned lecturers and researchers, if they are suitable for directing the studies and research activities of doctoral students in the field of business and management studies on the basis of their academic achievements, theoretical knowledge, proficiency in the field's academic literature and their individual publications and undertake to teach and advise students on their dissertations. Lecturers that have a public employment status with another university may also be instructors and topic announcers, provided that their work at the other university does not prevent them from participating in the work of the doctoral school. The staff of the research institutes of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences can also be instructors and supervisors, if their work in the research institute allows it.

(3)⁵³⁶ The head of the doctoral school may, after seeking out the opinion of the DIT, make a proposal to the GDT for granting the title of “emeritus core member” specified in Section 17 (4) of the EDSZ.

(4) The instructors of the doctoral school manage courses announced in the doctoral curriculum and involve doctoral students in their research and teaching activities.

(5) The supervision of a doctoral topic includes the review and approval of the doctoral student's study plan per semester, keeping track of their performance, the monitoring, assistance and evaluation of the doctoral student's participation in education, the evaluation of the student's academic and research work prior to the comprehensive examination, verifying that the doctoral student has fully complied with their research plan before the student applies for the pre-degree certificate. The topic supervisor is obliged to consult with the student on a regular basis over the course of the student's the studies with a view to preparing the student for the comprehensive examination and to aid their preparation of the doctoral dissertation. The supervisor is to issue a written recommendation if the doctoral student wishes to change their topic, submitting a preliminary request to pursue part-time training at another Hungarian or foreign higher education institution, and for the recognition of courses and research work completed during part-time training, applying for the comprehensive examination, issuing the pre-degree certificate and initiating the doctoral procedure

(6) The doctoral school administrator shall notify the topic supervisor if the student suspends their legal status with the university before the start of their studies or for more than two semesters at a time, if the student has been reallocated, and if their student status is terminated for reasons specified in Sections 35-36 of the EDSZ.

(7) A topic supervisor may take on a maximum of four students at a time.

The Doctoral School Council

Section 10

(1) The recommended number of members of the DIT is 5.

(2) The chair of the DIT is the head of the doctoral school.

(3)⁵³⁷ The delegate of the Doctoral Student Union, who is an active student of the doctoral school of the faculty, shall be an ex-officio member.

⁵³⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁵³⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

- (4) The vice-chair of the DIT and its members not named in paragraphs (2) and (3) shall be elected by the GDT from among the instructors of the doctoral school and approved by the University Doctoral Council. Credentials are issued by the chair of the GDT.
- (5) Members of the DIT shall serve a mandate of 3 years.

Section 11

- (1) The DIT shall meet as necessary, but at least every six months. Its meetings shall be convened by the chair.
- (2) Quorum in the meetings of the DIT requires the presence of more than half of its members.
- (3) The decisions and proposals of the DIT shall be taken by a simple majority, in the event of a tie, the chair shall have the casting vote.
- (4) In justified cases, the DIT may also vote by e-mail.

Section 12

- (1) The DIT shall take into account its responsibilities and powers laid out in the EDSZ when it:
- a) develops the training program of the doctoral school,
 - b) makes proposals for doctoral topics proposed for publication,
 - c) approves the identity of doctoral topic announcers, supervisors and instructors of the doctoral school,
 - d) approves the doctoral student's doctoral topic,
 - e) decides on a change of topic or supervisor,
 - f) regularly evaluates the activities of the doctoral school: it evaluates the activities of the instructors as core members, topic supervisors and instructors of the doctoral school; makes a proposal for the suspension or revocation of the supervisor's qualification based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school; in doing so, it shall make use of the opinions of doctoral students and graduates of the doctoral school and, if necessary, request an external expert,
- (2) The DIT shall also be responsible for developing the principles and methods of the quality assurance of doctoral training and degree acquisition and preparing the quality assurance plan of the doctoral school.

Administration of the Doctoral School

Section 13⁵³⁸

The administrative tasks related to the operation of the doctoral school and the doctoral programme are performed by the doctoral administrator of the Student Affairs and Registrar's Office operating at the Faculty of Economics.

Finances of the Doctoral School

Section 14

The management of the finances of the doctoral school is governed by Eötvös Loránd University's Financial and Asset Management Regulations and the Chancellor's instructions.

The Doctoral Programme

Section 15

⁵³⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

A doctoral programme may be established at a doctoral school in accordance with the provisions of Section 18 of the EDSZ. The rules pertaining to the founding documentation of the doctoral school shall be properly applied to the founding documentation of the doctoral programme and its preparation, with the provision that the establishment of the doctoral programme may be initiated by at least two core members of the doctoral school.

Doctoral Training

Section 16

- (1) Doctoral programmes at the Institute of Business Economics may be
 - a) full-time organised programmes
 - b) part-time correspondence-based organised programmes
 - c) part-time correspondence-based individual programmes
- (2) The duration of organised programmes is 8 semesters.
- (3) The duration of individual programmes is determined on the basis of the student's completion of the training, research and reporting requirements laid out in the training plan of the relevant doctoral school.

Section 17

- (1) The doctoral programme shall consist of two phases: a training and research phase, which concludes with the passing of the comprehensive examination. Following the comprehensive examination, the Student shall take part in the doctoral procedure within the framework of the research and dissertation phase of the programme. The goal of the latter phase is the obtainment of the doctoral degree.
- (2) ⁵³⁹ Organised programmes, including classroom lessons, takes place in the first, the training and research phase, which lasts for 4 active semesters. In the research and dissertation phase, the doctoral dissertation must be submitted within 3 academic years of the comprehensive examination. If the student does not submit their dissertation within three academic years of their passing the comprehensive examination, the GDT may, at the student's request, allow an additional academic year to submit the dissertation. However, the student status will end at the end of the 8th active semester.
- (3) The doctoral student must obtain the required number of credits and complete the subjects specified in the Doctoral School curriculum in both training stages.
- (4) At the recommendation of the selection board, the GDT shall decide on the length of the student's training period and the identity of the topic supervisor. A training period of less than 4 semesters can only be proposed on the basis of the applicant's prior professional activity documented in writing.
- (5) The student enrolled in an individual programme shall prepare his / her training plan together with the topic supervisor within two weeks after enrolment, for the period previously approved by the GDT. The training plan should also include eligible credits and other exemptions. Credits can be based on a previously completed doctoral course, publications, educational activity, workshops, lectures, etc.
- (6) The individual training plan shall specify the completed course of study and the previous performance on the basis of which the student is eligible for exemptions. The training plan shall be approved by the head of the doctoral school.
- (7) The student shall be reallocated from an individual programme order to a full-time self-financed programme if they do not meet the requirements specified in the training plan within required time period.

Matters Pertaining to the Student Status

⁵³⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

Section 18

- (1) At the written request of a student, on the basis of exceptional personal reasons, the GDT may authorise a student admitted to a doctoral school to begin his/her studies in the following academic year. In this case, the student is still required to enrol and must request the suspension of his/her student status.
- (2) In the event that the student has already begun their studies, a request for suspension may be submitted only until the end of the registration period. At the end of the registration period, a request for suspension may be accepted only in exceptional cases,
 - a) if the student is expecting a child or is raising a child under the age of three,
 - b) if the student has had an accident or is permanently ill and is temporarily unable to continue their studies,
 - c) if the student taking part in a state-funded programme wishes to establish a fixed-term legal relationship for employment with another employer,
 - d) in view of the student's work abroad,
 - e) in view of the student's other personal circumstances deserving of special consideration.
- (3) Requests for suspension shall be considered by the GDT.
- (4) Suspension of student status may be granted up to three times and occasionally for up to two consecutive semesters. Of this, the suspension of the student status in the doctoral procedure may not exceed two semesters.
- (5) A request for suspension for a period exceeding two consecutive semesters shall be admissible only in the duly justified cases referred to in paragraph (2).
- (6) The total period during which the student status is suspended shall not exceed six months in the cases specified in paragraph (2).

Section 19

- (1) A student enrolled in a state-funded programme who does not obtain 15 credits in each of two consecutive semesters may be reallocated to a self-financed programme without further justification. A student who obtains 15 credits in each of two consecutive semesters but whose performance over the course of the semesters is reported to be unsatisfactory may also be reallocated, but in this case, the GDT must provide a detailed justification for its decision.
- (2) If a state-funded place is vacated at the doctoral school, an application process for the place must be announced on the website of the doctoral school among the students participating in self-financed programmes. Primary aspects of the assessment of the applications shall include
 - a) the student's progress in their studies at the doctoral school,
 - b) academic performance over the course of the doctoral programme,
 - c) educational activities within the framework of doctoral training.Any other aspects on the basis of which the applications are assessed must be indicated in the call for applications.
- (3) The GDT shall decide on the evaluation of applications and the allocation of students to state-funded places.

Section 20

- (1) The Student Affairs and Registrar's Office shall establish the termination of the student's student status if the student
 - a) announces the termination of his/her student status in writing,
 - b) does not wish to continue his/her studies in a self-financed programme and notifies the doctoral school thereof in writing,
 - c) was expelled as a disciplinary sanction,
 - d) failed the comprehensive examination.

(2) ⁵⁴⁰At the initiative of the Student Affairs and Registrar's Office, the Dean decides on the termination of the student status if the student

a) does not start his/her studies after the suspension of the student status for the period prescribed by law or permitted at his/her request,

b) fails to meet his/her payment obligations. In this case, prior initiating the termination of the student status, the Student Affairs and Registrar's Office will seek the opinion of the head of the doctoral school after the student has been sent a payment notice.

Section 21

(1) A student shall be expelled from the doctoral school if

a) he/she fails in a second attempt at completing compulsory subject in the training and research phase,

b) did not obtain the credits required for the training and research phase in the curriculum of the doctoral school by the end of the fourth active semester and was therefore unable to take the comprehensive examination,

c) has not completed the required equalisation subjects.

(2) The student's expulsion shall be decided on by the GDT on the basis of the proposal of the head of the doctoral school.

Section 22⁵⁴¹

Academic Obligations in the Training and Research Phase

Section 23

(1) The credit system is regulated by the provisions of the EDSZ, with the following additions:

a) by the end of the fourth completed semester, the credits specified in the doctoral school's training plan and sample curriculum must be completed, and by the end of the second semester, the student must complete the so-called criterion subjects. In the national credit transfer system, a credit is equivalent to completing 30 study hours, taking into account the principles of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System. A semester's worth of work is equivalent to 30 credits. A doctoral student may complete less or more than one semester of work (30 credits) in a semester.

b) *Training* (academic) credits may be awarded for school-based studies (participation in contact lessons, preparation for exams and completing assignments, and the fulfilment of the assessment criteria).

c) *Research* credits may be awarded for the acquisition of skills needed for scientific research, progress made in the research and the publication of the results of the scientific work.

d) A student pursuing a doctoral degree also has educational responsibilities. *Educational* credits are certified by the head of the department in charge of the subject. In justified cases, with the permission of the chair of the GDT, credit points may be awarded for educational activities at other universities.

e) *Credit points for other academic activities* may be awarded for the performance of research and educational organisational tasks, through which the doctoral student acquires competencies essential for university research and teaching activities, fall outside the narrow confines of research and teaching. Such tasks may include writing an application, preparing an application report, organising a conference, editing tasks, compiling a timetable, performing tasks for the department related to the Neptun system. The performance of such tasks shall be certified by the head of the department.

⁵⁴⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵⁴¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

(2) The minimum and maximum number of credits that can be obtained through the activities referenced in points b)-e) are included in the doctoral school training plan.

Administration of Credit Points

Section 24

(1) Training (academic) credit points can be awarded if the student meets the criteria specified in the description of the subject. Unless otherwise specified in the course description, three unexcused absences may be accepted during the semester. Training credit points are recorded by the instructor of the subject.

(2) Research credit points for consultations with the topic supervisor and independent research shall be registered⁷ by the supervisor.

(3) Credit points for publications are registered by the head of the doctoral school based on the recommendation of the topic supervisor.

(4) Credit points for educational activities shall be registered by the head of the department where the doctoral student performs their teaching activities. The authority to register the credit points may be delegated to an employee of the department in charge of educational organisation tasks, if the person is an instructor or topic supervisor of the doctoral school. Credit points for education at another university are registered by the head of the doctoral school on the basis of a certificate from the head of the department.

(5) Credit points obtained through other professional activities shall be recorded by the head of the department where the doctoral student performed the given activity.

(6) The head of the doctoral school is entitled to register the credit points in question after inquiring from the instructor, topic supervisor, head of the department or employee of the department responsible for awarding the credit points.

The Comprehensive Examination

Section 25

(1) The comprehensive examination is a comprehensive evaluation of the student's knowledge acquired in the training and research phase of the doctoral programme and the student's preparedness for the programme's research and dissertation phase.

(2) The comprehensive examination is comprised of two main parts. The theoretical part assesses the examinee's theoretical knowledge while in the dissertation part the examinee shall demonstrate his/her level of academic progress.

(3) In the theoretical part of the comprehensive examination, the examinee shall be tested in at least two subjects. The material and list of subjects that can be tested is contained in the curriculum of the doctoral school.

(4) In the dissertation part of the comprehensive examination, the examinee shall give account of his/her lexical knowledge in the form of a 15-minute presentation, give account of his/her research results, present his/her research plan pertaining to the research and dissertation phase of the doctoral programme and the planned schedule of the preparation and publication of the doctoral dissertation.

(5) A minutes shall be prepared on the comprehensive examination and its results are to be published on the day of the last part of the exam. The exam result is marked on a two-grade scale (pass; fail).

Section 26

(1) Doctoral Students taking part in organised doctoral programmes who have obtained the required academic and research credits prescribed for the first four semesters of the academic and

research phase of the programme, laid out in the training plan of the programme, may take the comprehensive examination.

(2) The topic supervisor of the student applying for the comprehensive examination shall assess the Student's performance in the academic and research phase of the doctoral programme and give his/her opinion on whether the Student can be granted permission to take the comprehensive examination.

(3) Application for the comprehensive examination and the obtainment of the doctoral degree without preliminary doctoral training shall also be open to individuals who received their degrees no less than five years prior to their application, meet the admission criteria of the doctoral school and for whom it can be determined based on their professional and academic achievements that their academic works meet at least the assessment criteria of the academic and research phase of the doctoral programme.

(4) On the basis of the request referred to in paragraph (3), the DIT shall carry out a habitus investigation. Over the course of the habitus investigation, the council shall assess the applicant's curriculum vitae, academic performance prior to his/her submission of the request, academic publications, other academic works, lecture activities, etc., based on which it makes a recommendation to the GDT on granting the student permission to take the comprehensive examination.

(5) The applicant must pay the fee specified in Annex 4 of the EDSZ for the habitus investigation and the comprehensive examination, unless he/she is a public employee of Eötvös Loránd University.

(6) The GDT shall decide on the admission of the candidate and on their referral to the comprehensive examination on the basis of the proposal of the DIT.

Section 27

(1) Applications for the comprehensive examination held in the spring examination period shall be turned in by 31 March of the given year and applications for the comprehensive examination held in the winter examination period shall be turned in by 31 October of the given year. Applications shall be handed in to the faculty office in writing by filling out the application form contained in Annex 5 of the present Regulations.

(2) Doctoral Students taking part in organised training programmes shall attach the report on their research activity to the application form, if prescribed by the faculty doctoral regulations.

(3) In addition to the documents specified in paragraphs (1)-(2) applicants applying for the comprehensive examination without preliminary doctoral training shall also attach to their applications

a) a curriculum vitae

b) documents prescribed by law, the present Regulations and the faculty doctoral regulations which are necessary for admission

c) a written summary as well as documents providing authentic verification of the applicant's professional and academic history and works as a lecturer. The applicant must provide verification of his/her academic history by providing copies of entries registered in the bibliographic database of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter: HAS bibliographic database) defined in Act XL of 1994 on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

d) a proof of payment of the fees payable for the habitus investigation and the comprehensive examination.

(4) The GDT shall decide no later than by the end of the study period whether to admit the doctoral student or the candidate not participating in a doctoral programme for a complex examination.

Section 28

(1) The comprehensive examination shall be taken in front of a three-member exam committee, with at least one of the members being an individual not employed by the University.

(2) ⁵⁴²In the event that the Student fails to pass one or all of the subjects of the comprehensive examination, he/she may take a retake exam in this (these) subject(s) within the same examination period on the day set aside for retake exams. A fee shall be payable for the retake exam.

(3) ⁵⁴³

(4) The examinee's

a) topic supervisor,

b) relative (Section 8:1 (1) of the Civil Code of Hungary),

c) direct employer (or research centre leader) or subordinate,

d) co-author in an academic publication

e) any person who cannot be expected to give an objective evaluation

are prohibited from serving on the exam committee.

Section 29

The subjects of the theoretical part of the comprehensive examination are listed in the curriculum of the doctoral school.

THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE⁵⁴⁴

Section 30

(1) Requirements beyond what is contained in Section 58 of the present Regulations for obtaining the doctoral degree are listed in the doctoral school's operational regulations.

Section 31

(1) ⁵⁴⁵The request for initiating the doctoral procedure along with its annexes are to be submitted to the Student Affairs and Registrar's Office in two copies.

(2) ⁵⁴⁶The starting date for the submission of an application for the doctoral procedure is the date of issue of the pre-degree certificate.

(3) The Doctoral Student shall attach to the request

a) the doctoral pre-degree certificate,

b) proof of foreign language proficiency,

c) a curriculum vitae and a list of publications printed out from the HAS bibliographic database,

d) ⁵⁴⁷ proof that the applicant's works listed in the publications section meet the relevant requirements

e) a statement from the applicant's topic supervisor declaring that the applicant's publications fulfil the requirements laid out in the operational regulations of the doctoral school,

f) a topic outline finalised on the basis of the research centre disputation,

g) ⁵⁴⁸

h) ⁵⁴⁹ a statement by the applicant declaring that he/she does not have any pending doctoral procedures in the same discipline.

(4) The decision on the approval of the request shall be made by the GDT, and shall provide detailed justification in the event that it rejects the request.

⁵⁴² Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive examination period after the amendment.

⁵⁴³ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive examination period after the amendment.

⁵⁴⁴ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁵⁴⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁵⁴⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁵⁴⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁵⁴⁸ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

⁵⁴⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

(5) Simultaneously to issuing its decision to accept the application, the GDT decides on the opponents and the members of the exam committee, as well as the alternate opponents and committee members. The committee's chair must be a professor or professor emeritus of the University. The committee consists of five members and two opponents. At least two members of the committee and at least one of the opponents must be persons not employed by the university. Opponents and committee members are subject to the conflict of interest rules set out in Section 28 of the present Regulations.

(6) The dissertation may be submitted in English without special permission, and the procedure may be conducted in English at the request of the doctoral student. At the request of the doctoral student, the GDT may allow the submission of a dissertation written in another foreign language and allow the doctoral procedure to be conducted in another foreign language.

Section 32

(1) Prior to the submission of the dissertation, the department dealing with the academic field of the given topic shall organise a research centre disputation for the preliminary scientific evaluation of the dissertation to which it shall invite instructors familiar with the topic, as well as prominent academic experts in the given field.

(2) ⁵⁵⁰Two pre-opponents, who will preferably serve as opponents later on, shall be invited to the research centre disputation to evaluate the dissertation in writing. Pre-opponents are subject to the conflict of interest rules set out in Section 28 of the present Regulations.

(3) A minutes shall be prepared of the research centre disputation which shall include the names of those present and the essence of what was discussed at the disputation.

(4) If the pre-opponents state that the dissertation has such fundamental shortcomings that it requires a thorough revision in order to meet the expected academic standard and they maintain their position after the research centre disputation, the dissertation cannot be submitted, the doctoral student must revise their work, after which another research centre disputation has to be organised.

(5) Following the research centre disputation, the doctoral student has the opportunity to revise the objected parts of the doctoral thesis.

Section 33

(1) The final version of the doctoral dissertation intended for review must be submitted to the Institute Office in a bound and identical electronic copy in PDF format.

(2) ⁵⁵¹The exterior and interior cover pages of the doctoral dissertation shall include:

- a) the title "Doctoral (PhD) Dissertation",
- b) the name of the author,
- c) the title of the dissertation,
- d) the year of submission,
- e) the name and academic qualification of the topic supervisor

The dissertation's bibliography must also specify the DOI ID of the documents referenced wherever possible.

(3) The abstract booklet must be submitted together with the dissertation in a printed copy and in electronic PDF format. The abstract booklet of the doctoral dissertation summarises the results of the student's independent academic work and independent artistic creative activity. The results must be presented in a unified, self-explanatory manner, with the new findings being listed in a clear manner based on the applicant's professional publications and creative works.

(4) The minutes of the research centre disputation must also be attached to the final version of the dissertation.

(5) The dissertation may only be submitted with the written support of the topic supervisor.

⁵⁵⁰Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁵⁵¹Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

Section 34

- (1) At the request of the GDT, the two official opponents shall prepare written critiques of the doctoral dissertation within two months of their appointments. The opponents shall declare whether the conditions of the obtainment of the doctoral degree have been met and whether they recommend that dissertation be subject to a public disputation.
- (2) Upon the expiry of the two-month deadline provided for the preparation of a critique of the dissertation, the GDT shall ask the appointed official opponent to indicate whether the critique would be completed within the ensuing month.
- (3) In the event that the appointed official opponent fails to submit the critique before the expiry of the two-month deadline, and indicates that the critique is not expected to be completed within the ensuing month, the GDT shall withdraw the appointment of the opponent and turn the dissertation over to a new opponent.
- (4) In the event that a new opponent has to be appointed, the GDT may choose to set a deadline shorter than the original for the preparation of the critique.
- (5) In the event that one of the two opponents does not recommend that the dissertation be subject to a public disputation, the GDT shall appoint a third opponent.
- (6) ⁵⁵²In the event that two opponents do not recommend that the dissertation be subject to a public disputation, the GDT shall terminate the doctoral procedure.
- (7) In the case of two critiques rejecting the dissertation or two unsuccessful defences, the submission of a new doctoral dissertation on the same doctoral topic may be initiated after two years at the earliest after two years and on no more than one occasion.

Section 35

- (1) The dissertation shall be submitted for a public disputation by the chair of the GDT within 15 days of the receipt of two supporting proposals, but no later than within 60 days. The months of July and August are not included in the period indicated.
- (2) For July and for the period from 21 to 31 August, a public disputation may be convened only if it is justified by some exceptional circumstances, e.g. if the doctoral student or the opponents or certain members of the committee could not be present at another time.
- (3) Prominent representatives of the academic field in question shall be invited to the disputation, with the abstracts of the dissertation attached to their invitations. After the public disputation, the Student Affairs and Registrar's Office will make the doctoral dissertation available at www.doktori.hu.
- (4) The doctoral student, the chair and members of the committee and the official opponents must be present in person at the disputation. In the absence of alternate members or in the event that they are prevented from making it to the disputation, in exceptional cases, the committee chair may decide to go forward with the disputation if one of the opponents or a member of the assessment committee is not present. The public disputation may be held only in exceptionally justified cases, at the discretion of the GDT, in the absence of the opponent who rejected the dissertation. If a member of the committee is absent, they must provide a written statement about the evaluation of the dissertation and the doctoral student's written response to the critique within 10 days from the date of the disputation and comment on the conferment of the doctoral degree. If the public disputation cannot be held due to an absence, the next public disputation shall be scheduled for a date no earlier than 15 days later by the chair of the GDT.
- (5) The doctoral student shall receive the critiques at least 15 days before the public disputation and shall respond to them in writing before the disputation, during the dissertation defence and verbally in the disputation.
- (6) The doctoral student may present the abstracts of his / her dissertation within the framework of the public disputation or maintain the contents of the abstracts submitted, and proceed to answer the comments and questions of the opponents, committee members

⁵⁵²Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

and those present. During the disputation, it is also necessary to make sure that the results of the dissertation are credible and reflect the applicant's own results.

- (7) After the conclusion of the disputation, the committee decides on the qualification of the dissertation in a closed-door meeting by secret ballot. Committee members can score the defence on a five-grade scale. The chair shall then make the result of the defence public. Before the closed-door meeting, the committee may hear the topic supervisor.
- (8) The qualification of the public disputation may be:
 - a) “summa cum laude” if the candidate receives 90%-100% of the maximum amount of points available,
 - b) “cum laude” if the candidate receives 75%-89% of the maximum amount of points available,
 - c) “rite” if the Candidate receives 60%-74% of the maximum amount of points available,
 - d) “insufficenter” if the Candidate fails to receive 60% of the maximum amount of points available.
- (9) A minutes must be prepared of the dissertation defence.
- (10) At the request of the doctoral student, the chair of the GDT issues a certificate of the qualification of the defence.
- (11) ⁵⁵³The doctoral procedure must be completed within one year of the submission of the doctoral dissertation.

Section 36

- (1) ⁵⁵⁴Following the public defence, the GDT shall examine the critique procedure of the doctoral candidate. In the event that the council uncovers irregularities in the procedure, it shall act on the remedial of said irregularities.
- (2) The GDT, on the basis of a critique procedure conducted in accordance with the regulations, shall recommend the conferment and qualification of the doctoral degree in accordance with the qualifications listed in Section 35 (8), provided that the qualifications of the doctoral dissertation and the performance of the doctoral candidate in the public disputation are not “insufficenter”.
- (3) The GDT shall terminate the doctoral procedure if the candidate does not receive a score of at least 60%.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN DOCTORAL TRAINING

Joint Doctoral Programme of Individual Students (Co-tutelle)

Section 37

- (1) The doctoral student may only take part in a joint doctoral programme with a foreign university if he/she has gained admission to both universities in question.
- (2) The doctoral student shall be assigned to a topic supervisor at both universities.
- (3) When preparing the contract, the provisions laid out in Rector’s/Chancellor’s order on contract signing shall be applied. The draft contract contained in the effective Rector’s order shall be given priority when signing the contract.
- (4) The contract put together by the foreign university along with its supplements shall be translated into Hungarian at the request of the GDT. The non-official translation shall be handed in to the department in charge of the language in question for review and certification.
- (5) The doctoral student shall register for each given semester at both institutions.
- (6) The doctoral student shall fulfil his/her payment obligations pursuant to the contract.
- (7) The doctoral student shall provide verification of continued progress in his/her studies at Eötvös Loránd University, take the comprehensive examination at the end of the training and research phase of the programme and must acquire 240 credits by the end of the programme.

⁵⁵³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁵⁵⁴ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

(8) The student shall consult with the topic supervisor and the head of the programme on the study units which the student registers for over the course of his/her pursuit of studies at the foreign university. This may be any kind of study units, but the student must register for the given subjects in the Electronic Registration System in all cases. The student may complete the courses by providing professional verification of the studies completed at the partner institution or on the basis of criteria set by the lecturer in charge of the course (written exam, semester oral exam). In the cases of courses that require a regular attendance of lessons, the head of the programme must make sure that those courses are announced in the Electronic Registration System in the event that the student spent the semester in which the course would have been in the schedule according to the curriculum at the foreign university.

(9) ⁵⁵⁵The procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree shall also be initiated at Eötvös Loránd University. A printed copy of the doctoral dissertation, each of the abstracts as well as electronic copies of the dissertation and the abstracts (in PDF/A format) shall be submitted to the Student Affairs and Registrar's Office

(10) All official non-English-language documents prepared over the course of the procedure shall be translated at the request of the GDT and the translation must be certified with the signature of the Hungarian topic supervisor.

Partial Studies at a Domestic University

Section 38

(1) The student may pursue partial studies (e.g. registration for courses, conducting research, lecturing) at another doctoral school of the University or at another domestic higher education institution by acquiring visiting student status and may also obtain academic (training), research or lecturing credits.

(2) The doctoral student may take part in partial studies based on a course registration request and work programme recommended by the topic supervisor and approved by the GDT.

(3) Credits obtained during the partial studies can be recognised based on an inter-institutional credit-equivalence agreement, the preliminary approval of the GDT as specified in paragraph (2) or the provisions of legislation prescribing the recognition of the credits. The decision on the recognition of the credits obtained in partial studies shall be taken by the GDT based on the request of the student approved by the topic supervisor.

(4) The course materials provided by the two universities shall be considered equivalent if there is at least a 75% match in the materials. The degree of equivalence between the course materials of the two universities shall be assessed by the GDT in consideration of the opinion of the DIT.

Section 39

(1) The doctoral student may, with the consent of the topic supervisor, obtain a maximum of 25% of the total study credit limit by attending classes at another doctoral school.

(2) The attendance of classes at another doctoral school by the doctoral student shall be authorised by the GDT on the basis of a proposal from the topic supervisor. The chair of the GDT shall approve the obtainment of the credits based on a certificate issued by the training programme, school, or the institution.

Partial Studies at a Foreign Higher Education Institution

Section 40

(1) The student may also pursue partial studies abroad. As part of the partial studies, based on a work programme approved by the topic supervisor, the student may take part in a programme which is in line with their academic and research plan and ensures that the studies pursued

⁵⁵⁵ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

abroad can be recognised along the curriculum of the doctoral school. The duration of the partial studies programme conducted abroad shall count towards the duration of the domestic doctoral programme and does not establish the suspension of the student status. The student shall register for the given academic term in person during the course of his/her programme abroad, or shall authorise a representative to register in his/her place.

(2) The decision on the approval of the student's pursuit of partial studies abroad shall be taken by the GDT based on the recommendation of the head of the doctoral school, which shall be made on basis of the student's request and work programme approved by the topic supervisor.

(3) The Student's grades in his/her completed courses shall also be requested to be converted into ECTS-grades by the foreign university.

Recognition of Previous Achievements and Credit Transfer

Section 41

(1) Participation in training, research or lecturing activities that fall outside the framework of the doctoral programme but are compatible with the programme, as well all publications published prior to the application to the doctoral programme shall qualify as previous achievements.

(2) The GDT – on the basis of the recommendation of the DIT – may recognise these credits, verified to have been obtained throughout the Student's academic career, as credits awarded in the doctoral programme.

DOCTORAL STUDENT BURSARIES AND FEES

Section 42

(1) ⁵⁵⁶The sums of the tuition fees payable in the doctoral school shall be determined by the GTK and published in their admission guidelines.

(2) The tuition fee must be paid by the deadline specified in the various faculty doctoral regulations, but by no later than 30 October (31 March).

(3) ⁵⁵⁷In the event of a default on the payment of the tuition fee, the Student Affairs and Registrar's Office shall demand payment from the student in question within one month of the default. Should the student fail to comply with the demand, the GDT – after evaluating the social conditions of the student, if the student's social conditions do not warrant a further delay in payment – shall initiate the termination of the student status with the Dean.

(4) The GDT may request information from the Student for its assessment of the Student's social conditions. If the Student fails to supply the requested information within the specified deadline or if the Student rejects the supply of information, the GDT shall initiate the termination of his/her student status without further investigation.

(5) ⁵⁵⁸The titles and sums of the special administrative fees payable by the doctoral students – with the exception of the fee payable for the retake comprehensive examination – shall be defined by the HKR.

(6) ⁵⁵⁹The sums of the special administrative fees shall be given as rounded to the nearest hundred.

Section 43

(1) The fees payable for the comprehensive examination and the procedure for the national recognition of degrees obtained abroad shall be defined in Annex 4 of present Regulations.

⁵⁵⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵⁵⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁵⁵⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁵⁵⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

- (2) ⁵⁶⁰Honoraria may be paid to members of the comprehensive examination committee and persons contributing to the critique procedure who are not employed by the University, the sum of which is HUF 15,000.

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Section 44

- (1) The national recognition of academic degrees obtained abroad can be requested in the study period via the submission of application form found in Annex 5 of present Regulations to the chair of the GDT.
- (2) Attachments to the request shall include:
 - a) a copy of the original doctoral certificate,
 - b) an official copy of a document issued by the foreign higher education institution (e.g. transcript, grade book) which provides authentic verification of the duration of the doctoral training and the successful completion of the academic requirements for the obtainment of the doctoral degree,
 - c) proof of payment of the fee payable for the nostrification procedure,
 - d) ⁵⁶¹proof of language proficiency required for the doctoral procedure,
 - e) a curriculum vitae,
 - f) a list of the student's own publications,
 - g) a copy of the university degree certificate,
 - h) the dissertation on the basis of which the student obtained the academic degree in its original language.
- (3) The GDT may ask for an official translation of the documents listed in points a)-c) of paragraph (2) if the original documents were not issued in English and if the institute cannot provide a lecturer or researcher who can assess the contents of the documents.
- (4) If the doctoral dissertation was prepared in a language on the basis of which the GDT is unable to make a substantiated decision on the nostrification, it may request an official Hungarian translation of the dissertation.
- (5) If the authenticity or the legal validity of the foreign certificate cannot be determined, the GDT may suspend the nostrification procedure and ask the applicant to submit a doctoral certificate that was authenticated by a competent authority in the country of the registered office of the institution that issued the certificate.
- (6) Upon receipt of the application, the chair of the GDT will ask a member of the GDT to evaluate the academic quality of the doctoral dissertation after reviewing it. If none of the members of the GDT has the language proficiency necessary to assess the dissertation, a lecturer from the doctoral school with an academic degree may also be invited to assess the dissertation.
- (7) Based on the evaluation, the GDT can either propose to the University Doctoral Council to nostrificate the degree or reject the application for nostrification. Rejection of the request must be justified in writing.
- (8) The nationally recognised degree shall not receive a qualification.

Section 45

The present Annex shall enter into effect on the date of the entry into force of the Educational Authority's decision on the registration of the doctoral school training.

⁵⁶⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁵⁶¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.