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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. Section 2 (3) omitted in this space – Translator’s Note.

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

⁴Quotation from Nftv. Section 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 THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

Nftv. Section 16 (1) The training program includes doctoral studies in preparation for acquiring a doctorate degree in training subsequent to the master's degree. The doctoral school may stipulate in its regulations that credits must be earned during the doctoral program. Unless otherwise provided by law, the duration of the program shall be eight semesters.

(1a) In doctorate business training and joint international doctorate training at least one hundred eighty credits are required, and the duration of training shall be at least six semesters.

(2) A higher education institution may be authorized to deliver doctoral programs only if it offers master's programs in the given discipline.

(3) A higher education institution may be authorized to deliver doctoral programs and award doctoral degrees in the field of science, including branches of science or art, covered by its operating authorization. Authorization in the field of arts may be obtained for offering PhD programs culminating in PhD degrees, Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) doctorate degree in business, or DLA programs leading to Doctor of Liberal Arts degrees (hereinafter referred to as "doctoral program"), and for awarding the aforementioned degrees.

(4) The academic qualification certified by the diploma awarded for the completion of a doctoral program shall be either Doctor of Philosophy (or in abbreviated form "PhD"), Doctor of Liberal Arts (or in abbreviated form "DLA") or Doctor of Business Administration (or in abbreviated form "DBA"). The diploma shall be signed by the rector and the chair of the doctoral council.

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

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[...]⁶

University Doctoral Council

Section 3

- (1) The members of the University Doctoral Council shall be:
- a) the Chair of the University Doctoral Council
 - b) ⁷ 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

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

⁶Quotation from R. Section 9 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

the Faculty of Science, 1 person representing the doctoral school of the Faculty of Economics.

- c) ⁸3 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 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.

⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (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.

[...]⁹

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,

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

- r) establish the principles and methods of the quality assurance of the doctoral programmes and the obtaining 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.
- (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 Affairs¹⁰.

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

¹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

[...] ¹¹

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,
 - 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) ¹²the 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

¹¹ Quotation from Nftv. Section 108 point 46 omitted in this space – TN.

¹²Enacted 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.

- 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) ¹³the 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,
 - bc) the official opponents of the doctoral dissertation and the makeup of the Assessment Committee,
 - ¹⁴bd) 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) ¹⁵deciding 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,

¹³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

¹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

¹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

- 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

[...]¹⁶

[...]¹⁷

R Section 4 (1) The head of a doctoral school shall be elected by the doctoral council, on a proposal by the majority of the core members, from those core members of the doctoral school who are university professors, and shall be appointed by the rector for a period of not more than five years. The appointment may be renewed several times.

(2) The teaching staff of a doctoral school shall comprise instructors and researchers who hold academic qualifications and whom, on a proposal from the head of the doctoral school based on their continuous high-level scientific performance, the doctoral council considers competent to teach, do research and work as a supervisor at the doctoral school.

R Section 5 (1) The documents needed for the establishment of a doctoral school shall be prepared by the core members and must contain:

- a) the classification of the doctoral school by discipline and branch of science;*
- b) the master programmes on the basis of which the higher education institution meets the criteria under Section 16(2) of the Act on National Higher Education;*
- c) the name of the research field of the doctoral school;*
- d) the name of the doctoral degree that may be awarded as a result of the procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree;*
- e) the names and scientific or artistic CVs of the person proposed as head of the doctoral school, the core members of the doctoral school, the supervisors proposed for the first four years of operation, other members of the teaching staff of the doctoral school, the Hungarian and foreign lecturers, professors (artists in the case of an artistic doctoral school) and researchers to be invited, and the documentation of their main scientific (scientific or artistic in the case of an artistic doctoral school) achievements in the past five years;*
- f) the programme plan of the doctoral school, developed in line with level 8 of the Hungarian Qualification Framework;*
- g) the international relations of the doctoral school that are expected to be taken into account during operation;*
- h) the quality assurance plan of the doctoral school, and*
- i) the rules for the operation of the doctoral school.*

(2) The documentation shall be accompanied by the statements of the persons concerned on undertaking the tasks requested and satisfying the relevant criteria prescribed in this decree.

(3) The documentation needed for the establishment of a doctoral school shall include the cooperation agreements made by the higher education institution in connection with the activities of the doctoral school, in particular the cooperation agreements referred to in Section 2(5).

(4) The person proposed as head of the doctoral school to be established shall obtain a preliminary opinion from the doctoral council before submitting, through the rector, the request for the establishment of the doctoral school for approval to the senate or the individual or organization named in the Organizational and Operational Regulations (hereinafter: senate).

R Section 6 (1) Following the decision of the senate on the establishment of a doctoral school, the rector of the higher education institution shall apply for a professional assessment of the doctoral school's establishment by the Educational Authority (hereinafter referred to as 'Authority') or the organisation referred to in Nftv. Section 67 (4b).

(2) The application for registration shall be accompanied by

- a) the documents needed for the establishment of the doctoral school;*

¹⁶ Quotation from Nftv. Section 12 (3) omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁷ Quotation from R. Sections 1-3 omitted in this space – TN.

- b) the opinion of the doctoral council;*
- c) the development concept elaborated by the higher education institution for the research field concerned by the establishment of the doctoral school;*
- d) the doctoral rules of the higher education institution;*
- (e) a statement that the doctoral school shall publish information on doctoral programmes regularly (annually) on its website, and that it shall publish the admission requirements annually on its website and as is customary in the higher education; and*
- f) a statement that the doctoral school shall update its data continuously in order to ensure that they reflect the state of the doctoral school in an up-to-date manner.*

(3) In order to substantiate its expert opinion referred to in Section 67(4), the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'HAC') shall examine in particular the fulfilment of the necessary requirements under Section 2(3)(b), the functioning of the agreements mentioned in Sections 2(5) and 5(3), and the fulfilment of other expectations included in its professional assessment criteria.

(4) Paragraphs 1 to 3 shall apply, as appropriate, to the registration of a new branch of science for a doctoral school.

R Section 7 Changes in the registered data of doctoral schools shall be notified to the Authority within the time limit specified in Section 11(2) of Government Decree No 87/2015 of 9 April 2015 on the implementation of certain provisions of Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education.

R Section 8 In the event of dissolving a doctoral school, the decision shall be adopted by the doctoral council or, on the initiative of the rector, by the senate. If the dissolution is initiated by the rector, the senate shall obtain the views of the doctoral council before adopting a decision. According to the decision of the senate, the rector shall request the Authority to change the registered data of the doctoral school. The Authority shall delete the doctoral school from the register without carrying out an evidentiary procedure.

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)¹⁸The 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

¹⁸Amended by Senate Rule CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective: 26 September 2016.

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 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) ¹⁹rules 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 Academic 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,

¹⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective date: 27 June 2023.

- 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 final 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.
- u) ²⁰the language proficiency requirements for the obtainment of the doctoral degree as well as the method of verifying language proficiency.
- v) ²¹the conditions of applying to and being admitted to the cooperative doctoral programme,
- w) ²²the specific requirements for pursuing studies in the cooperative doctoral programme and obtaining the degree.

The Head of the Doctoral School

Section 15

- (1) ²³The 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 final 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,

²⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

²¹ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May 2026.

²² Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May 2026.

²³Second sentence enacted by Senate Resolution XLVIII/2022. (IV. 27.). Effective: 26 April 2022.

- 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.
- (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.

[...] ²⁵

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

²⁴Quotation from R. Section 10 (1)-(2) omitted in this space – TN.

²⁵Quotation from R. Section 13 (4)-(5) omitted in this space – TN. Provision enacted in Regulations by Senate Resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.).

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) ²⁶A 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) ²⁷At 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) ²⁸An 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 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) ²⁹The 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) ³⁰The Disciplinary Doctoral Council shall keep a record of the names of the core members, topic announcers, topic supervisors – and in the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, workplace professional advisors/external 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,

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.

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.

³⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May, 2026.

- 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

- (1) ³¹The 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.

³¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

³² Quotation from Nftv. Section 63 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

³³ Quotation from Nftv. Section 61 (1)-(5) omitted in this space – TN.

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 21³⁴

- (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 22³⁵

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.

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

THE GOAL AND REGULATION OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Nftv. Section 16 (1) The training program includes doctoral studies in preparation for acquiring a doctorate degree in training subsequent to the master's degree. The doctoral school may stipulate in its regulations that credits must be earned during the doctoral program. Unless otherwise provided by law, the duration of the program shall be eight semesters.

Nftv. Section 53 (1) Doctoral training comprises training, research and reporting activities performed individually or in groups, adapted to the specifics of the field of science concerned and the needs of the doctoral student, made up of a training and research phase, and a training and dissertation phase. Over the course of the training program, students shall be required to close the study and research stage with a comprehensive examination intended to measure and evaluate their progress in study and research, the passing of which shall be a condition for the commencement of the research and dissertation stage.

(2) During the doctoral training program the student shall participate in the procedure of obtaining a degree after passing the comprehensive examination by completing a research and dissertation phase with a view to obtaining their doctoral degree.

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. Section 17 (1) In higher education a training program may be offered in the form of full-time, part-time or distance education programs in accordance with the training and outcome requirements. Full-time programs shall comprise at least two hundred course hours, or equivalent closed-system electronic distance education, per semester.

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

³⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

(2) Full-time training - except for closed-system electronic distance education - shall be delivered according to the full-time work arrangement where the academic week consists of five days, on regular working days. Derogations from this provision may be made with the consent of the students' union of the higher education institution. Full-time programs may also be organized as dual training programs.

(3) Part-time programs may be arranged in the form of evening or correspondence courses. The number of course hours of part-time programs - with the exception of sub-course training and postgraduate specialization programs - shall be at least thirty per cent and not more than fifty per cent of the full-time programs, including the equivalent closed-system electronic distance education. The number of course hours of sub-course training and postgraduate specialization programs shall be at least twenty percent and not more than fifty percent of the full-time programs, including the equivalent closed-system electronic distance education.

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

5. 'Semester' shall mean an organizational period for teaching for up to five months; in the case of doctoral training between 1 September of a year and 31 January, and between 1 February and 31 August, of the next year;

40. 'Academic year' shall mean an education organization period of not less than ten and not more than twelve months (twelve months in doctoral training)

Nftv. Section 108 For the purposes of this Act, the following definition applies:

22a. 'Cooperative doctoral training' shall mean doctoral training where the doctoral student, in parallel with their doctoral student status, is employed for at least 20 hours per week in a field related to their doctoral thesis, in one of the following capacities:

- a) as an instructor or researcher at a higher education institution;
- b) at a health-care provider; or
- c) at another organisation that meets the conditions specified in a Government Decree.

Doctoral students pursuing studies specified in point c) of Paragraph (3) of Section 8/C of R. must be employed at an organisation that

a) holds a research and development qualification certificate issued under Act LXXVI of 2014 on Scientific Research, Development and Innovation, dated no earlier than three years before the start of the doctoral programme; or

b) as an employer, has participated or is participating in the Cooperative Doctoral Programme or the University Research Scholarship Programme's Cooperative Doctoral Programme announced by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office; or

c) has received research and development funding from the National Research, Development and Innovation Office no earlier than three years before the start of the doctoral training.

Section 24

- (1) ³⁶Doctoral 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
 - d) full-time cooperative doctoral 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

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Nftv. Section 40 (6) For admission to a doctoral program the applicant shall have a master's degree, a professional qualification and a degree of linguistic knowledge prescribed by the doctoral school for performing academic activity in the given discipline. The prerequisite for admission to DBA training is at least five years of high-level business management experience acquired in possession of a master's degree in DBA programs offered in doctoral schools that conduct PhD training in Hungarian and English, or exclusively in English, in the field of management and business.

³⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May, 2026.

³⁷ Quotation from Nftv. Section 39 (1)-(2), (6) omitted in this space – TN.

(6a) A higher education institution may, by way of derogation from Subsection (6), admit an exceptionally talented applicant - with a degree obtained in a bachelor program and a professional qualification - to doctoral training concurrently with master's training. The higher education institution may make such admission decisions subject to the applicant's passing an admission examination and demonstrating their outstanding academic, scientific and language knowledge and skills.

(6b) As stipulated in Subsection (6a), the student may be admitted to doctorate training in parallel with the studies of the last two academic years of his studies in an undivided master's program.

(7) Higher education institutions may specify further conditions for admission to master's, postgraduate specialization and doctoral programs, with the stipulation that the same admission requirements shall apply to all applicants, irrespective of the higher education institutions which awarded their diplomas.

FelviR. Section 38 (1) Sections 3–31 shall be applied with the deviations specified in this subsection with regard to institutions advertising doctoral programs and applicants to doctoral programs.

(2) For doctoral programs, the deadline for providing data as specified in Section 3–7 (Higher Education Admissions Guide) shall be October 15 of the year preceding the start of the program.

(3) The Guide for doctoral programs shall be published electronically by the Educational Authority by January 31 of the year in which the program begins.

(4) The Guide must include the distribution among institutions of the number of doctoral students who can be admitted to state funded programs, as determined by the minister responsible for higher education.

(5) For each doctoral program announced by the institution, the Guide must specify:

a) the master's degree qualifications, or, as specified in Nftv. Section 40 (7), the university-level qualifications that the institution may require as a condition for application and admission to the doctoral program;

b) the number of students that can be admitted to state-funded and self-financed programs;

c) the admission requirements and criteria as set out in the higher institution's regulations, as well as the method and conditions for their consideration.

(6) The higher education institution may establish a student status in a self-financed programme during the academic year with an applicant who meets the requirements set out in paragraph (5) c).

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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

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

³⁹ Quotation from Etv. Section 4 (2), Section 5 (2) omitted in this space – TN.

⁴⁰ Quotation from FelviR. Section 7/C (1)-(2) omitted in this space – TN.

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 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 63⁴¹ (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 25⁴²

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) ⁴³ Prospective students may apply to a traditional or cooperative doctoral programme electronically via the electronic doctoral admission system on the University's website (<https://doktorifelveteli.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)⁴⁴ 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; under Section 40 (6a) of Nftv., in the cases of exceptionally talented applicants, the registration number of the degree certificate attesting to a Bachelor's degree;

⁴¹ Section 63 (2)-(3) of Nftv. vhr. amended by Government Decree 191/2019. (VII.30.). Effective date: 1 September 2020.

⁴² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective 17 April 2020.

⁴³ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution. LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May 2026.

⁴⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: 27 May 2025.

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)⁴⁵ the title of the research topic to be carried out over the course of the programme, the name and workplace of the topic supervisor, and, in the case of cooperative doctoral programmes, the name and workplace of the workplace professional advisor/external 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)⁴⁶ a statement on having read the Privacy Notice.

(1a)⁴⁷ Applicants are to upload the following documents to the electronic system:

a)⁴⁸ a copy of the university degree certificate (MA, MSc, under Section 40 (6a) of Nftv., in the cases of exceptionally talented applicants, BA, BSc). 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;

d)⁴⁹ in the cases of exceptionally talented applicants, under Section 40 (6a) of Nftv., a document verifying outstanding academic, scientific and language knowledge and skills, if required by the Faculty regulations. The content and formal requirement of the verification document are contained in the Faculty doctoral regulations;

e)⁵⁰ in the case of an application to a cooperative doctoral programme, the applicant must submit an employer's certificate confirming their employment [which must specify whether the employer meets the criteria concerning employment under points a) or b) of Section 108 22a. of the Nftv. or, in the case of point c), under which point of Section 8/C (3) of R they meet the criteria; the weekly working hours; and whether the employment is for an indefinite period or, if for a fixed term, that it covers at least the duration of the doctoral programme]. If the applicant intends to apply for a cooperative doctoral programme under point a) of Section 108 22a. of the Nftv. but does not yet have such an employment status at the time of application, it is sufficient to submit a letter of intent from the dean of the relevant faculty regarding the employment. In this case, the employment contract or employer's certificate must be submitted no later than the time of enrolment.

(2)⁵¹ 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.

(2a)⁵²

(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

⁴⁵ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution. LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May 2026.

⁴⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXLVII/2025. (XII. 15.). Effective: 16 December 2025.

⁴⁷ 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.

⁴⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: 27 May 2025.

⁴⁹ Established by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: 27 May 2025.

⁵⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May 2026.

⁵¹ 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.

⁵² Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed 27 June 2023.

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 honorior 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.

[...] ⁵³

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 Master's programme in same examination period.
- (2) ⁵⁴Admissions 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 state-funded full-time cooperative doctoral programme
 - c) admission to a self-financed full-time doctoral programme
 - d) admission to a self-financed part-time correspondence-based doctoral programme,
 - e) admission to a self-financed correspondence-based doctoral programme on an individual course schedule,

⁵³ Quotation from Nftv. Section 48 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

⁵⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May 2026.

- f) 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

[...] ⁵⁵

Nftv. Section 48/T (1) If a Hungarian state scholarship holder participating in a cooperative doctoral programme fails to obtain their degree within six years of establishing their student status in the state-funded doctoral programme, they shall be required to repay to the Hungarian state the amount of the scholarship disbursed to them for that training – adjusted annually by the average consumer price inflation rate determined by the Central Statistical Office – equal to one-tenth of the total scholarship received.

(2) The six-year deadline referred to in paragraph (1) shall be extended by one calendar semester for each semester in which the doctoral candidate was unable to fulfil their student obligations under point c) of Section 45 (2) and the higher education institution approved the suspension of their student status.

(3) The six-year deadline referred to in paragraph (1) shall be extended by three calendar years for each child if the doctoral candidate gives birth to or adopts a child during their student status.

(4) The repayment obligation specified in paragraph (1) shall be regulated by the provisions of Section 48/Q and Section 48/S.

(5) If a state scholarship holder in doctoral training obtains their degree in less than four years from the establishment of their student status, they shall become entitled to the unpaid portion of the scholarship calculated for the four-year training period upon obtaining the degree.

(6) The higher education institution of the doctoral candidate referred to in paragraph (5) shall be entitled to the unpaid portion of the scholarship calculated for the four-year training period from the time the degree is obtained.

Section 29

- (1) Students taking part in the doctoral programme shall be granted student status by the University.
- (2) ⁵⁶ 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.

⁵⁵ Quotations from Nftv. Sections 39 (3), (7), 42 (1), (4)-(5), 47 (2), (5)-(6) omitted in this space – TN.

⁵⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (3) ⁵⁷ The rights and obligations of a student admitted to a cooperative doctoral programme shall also be regulated by the provisions set out in the contract concluded with the external professional partner (the student's employer as defined in point e) of Section 26 (1a)) in accordance with Section 40 (4), in addition to 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

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.
- (2a) ⁵⁸ A student participating in a cooperative doctoral programme shall be required to submit an employer's certificate at the beginning of each semester during the registration period and must simultaneously declare that, should there be any change in their employment status or in the identity of the professional advisor (external topic supervisor) designated by the employer, they will immediately notify the doctoral school/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 Academic System as well as for other academic and research obligations through which credits can be obtained.
- (5) ⁵⁹ The 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.

Suspension of the Student Status

⁵⁷ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

⁵⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

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

[...] ⁶⁰

Nftv. Section 53 (4) ... The student status shall not be suspended for a period of more than two semesters during the procedure for obtaining the degree, or up to six semesters as prescribed by the doctoral protocol if the doctoral student gives birth. In the latter case, the deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation may be extended by three semesters in cases warranting special equity, as set out in the doctoral regulations.

Nftv. Section 117/G (1) By way of derogation from Subsection (4) of Section 53, doctoral students who passed the comprehensive examination between 1 February 2018 and 31 August 2021 shall submit their doctoral dissertations within four academic years following the comprehensive examination, as set out in the doctoral protocol. In cases deserving special consideration, that time limit may be extended by up to one year, as set out in the doctoral protocol.

(2) During the procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree defined in Subsection (1), student status shall not be suspended for a period of more than four semesters.

Section 33

- (1) ⁶¹Students 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

Nftv. Section 48 (2a) The provisions laid down in Subsection (2) shall be applied in doctoral training with the exception that the doctoral regulations of the higher education may establish requirements which, if they are not met during the last two semesters not affected by a suspension of student status, shall result in the doctoral candidate being transferred to a tuition-based program for the subsequent academic year.

(3) If the student status of a student, admitted to a program supported by Hungarian State scholarship or limited grant, is terminated before the completion of the program, or continues his or her studies in tuition-based training for any reason, the vacancy thus created may be filled by a self-financed student participating in the same program at the higher education institution, if such application is submitted. The decision on reclassification shall be made by the higher education institution on the basis of the academic performance of self-financed students requesting to be reclassified as students supported by Hungarian State scholarships or limited grant.

(3a) If the student status of a student, admitted to a program supported by Hungarian State scholarship or limited grant, is terminated before the completion of the program, or continues his or her studies in tuition-based training for any reason, the vacancy thus created may be filled by a self-financed student studying at the same doctoral school, if such application is submitted. The decision on reclassification shall be made by the higher education institution on the basis of the academic performance of self-financed students requesting to be reclassified as students supported by Hungarian State scholarships or limited grant.

[...] ⁶²

Section 34 ⁶³

- (1) The doctoral school or the curriculum of the doctoral programme may define the minimum number of credits that the Student in state-funded traditional 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

⁶⁰ Quotation from Nftv. Section 45 (1)-(4) omitted in this space – TN.

⁶¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁶² Quotation from Nftv. vhr. Section 61 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

⁶³ Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

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 traditional doctoral 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) If 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.
- (5) ⁶⁴In the event of the termination of the student status of a Student participating in a cooperative doctoral programme, he/she may continue his/her studies in a self-funded traditional programme. In this case, the Student may become eligible for a place in a state-funded traditional programme through the application procedure specified in paragraph (4) of this section, taking into account the legal limitations on the duration of support [particularly the provisions of Section 47 and Section 48/T of the Nftv.].

Termination of the Student Status

[...] ⁶⁵

Section 35

- (1) The faculty office may declare the termination of the student status if
 - a) ⁶⁶the Student announces the termination of his/her student status,
 - b) the Student does not wish to continue his/her studies in a self-financed programme and notifies the doctoral school of this in writing,
 - c) the Student is barred from continuing his/her studies after a disciplinary penalty was imposed against the Student,
 - d) the Student fails to pass the comprehensive examination,
 - e) ⁶⁷at the end of the eighth semester for which the student has registered if he/she has not obtained the final certificate,
 - f) ⁶⁸the employer or employment status specified in the agreement at the time of admission to a cooperative doctoral programme is terminated, except when the Student proves the establishment of a new employment status compliant with Section 108 (22a) of the Nftv. within 30 days of the termination of the previous employment.

⁶⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May, 2026.

⁶⁵ Quotation from Nftv. Section 59 (1), (3)-(5) omitted in this space – TN.

⁶⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

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

⁶⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May, 2026.

- (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)⁶⁹

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. Section 49 (1) In the course of studies at a higher education institution, the fulfillment of academic requirements shall be expressed in academic points (hereinafter referred to as "credit") and rated by way of grades. The student's progress in the given training program shall be expressed by the total of the credits accumulated, while the quality of performance shall be expressed by his or her grades.

(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 lieu of those courses, pursuant to the higher education institution's organizational and operational regulations, and to choose from courses with a total credit value that exceeds the total number of credits required by at least twenty percent.

(2a) Students shall be enabled to include in their individual study schedules, without having to pay any additional cost or fee,

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 shall be able to take courses relating to their studies - including freely electable ones - offered under other programs at the higher education institution where they maintain student status or at other higher education institutions, as guest students as well.

(4) Higher education institutions shall provide recommended curricula in their academic systems in order to help students create their own study schedules. Higher education institutions shall have facilities to permit all students to demonstrate their knowledge and repeat successful or unsuccessful examinations and tests, guaranteeing that such repeated examinations or tests are carried out and evaluated in an unbiased manner.

(5) Credits shall not be awarded for a given learning outcome more than once. A credit shall be recognized exclusively by comparison of the knowledge underlying the award of the credit on the basis of the outcome requirements of the course (module) prescribed in its course description. A credit shall be recognized if it pertains to a freely electable course or if the knowledge compared on the basis of the course descriptions shows an at least seventy five percent match. Knowledge comparison shall be carried out by a committee set up by the higher education institution for this purpose (hereinafter referred to as "credit transfer board").

(6) The credit transfer board may recognize prior non-formal and informal learning, work experience and learning outcomes obtained from studies resulting in vocational qualification or professional qualification for the purpose of the fulfillment of academic requirements, as set out in this Act and the relevant government decree. The individual decision of the credit transfer board shall apply for a period of five years to the same request for credit recognition.

(6a) The positive decisions of the credit transfer board without personal data and their periods of validity,

⁶⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution LI/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

as well as the course descriptions of all courses and modules of the higher education institution shall be made available for downloading in the academic system for all students and instructors as well as the academic systems of all other higher education institutions.

(7) Issues relating to the application of Subsections (3)-(6) shall be regulated in the study and examination regulations, providing that the number of credits required under the study and examination regulations for obtaining a final certificate (absolutorium), at least one third of the credit value of the program, shall be collected at the given higher education institution's specific academic program, even where previous studies at the institution or elsewhere or prior learning are recognized as having credit values.

(7a) The provision laid down in Subsection (7) for obtaining at least one third of the total credit value of the academic program in the specific academic program of the given institution shall not be applied in the case of

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

Nftv. Section 108 24. 'Credit' shall mean a unit for measuring students' academic work, expressing, in respect of a subject or curriculum unit, the time estimated as necessary for acquiring the learning outcomes and meeting the requirements identified on the basis of the description of the subject; 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.

[...] ⁷⁰

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.
- (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

Nftv. Section 44 (5) Paragraph a) of Subsection (3) of this Section shall apply to the teaching and research activities of doctoral students subject to the following derogations:

- a)
- b) the time of work performed by the doctoral student – with the exception of cooperative doctoral training and research excellence doctoral training – shall not exceed fifty percent of the total weekly working time, determined as an average of one semester,
- c) the working time of doctoral students shall be organized in such manner that enables them to fulfill their obligations to take and prepare for examinations,
- d) where the period of such engagement equals fifty percent of the total weekly working time, the total monthly remuneration shall not be less than the mandatory minimum wage or, in case of a different period, an appropriate part thereof, calculated on a time basis.

Section 38 ⁷¹

⁷⁰ Quotation from Nftv. vhr. Section 54 (1)-(4) omitted in this space – TN.

⁷¹ Established by Senate Resolution XIX/2019. (III. 4.). Effective March 5, 2019.

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 39⁷²

Doctoral Programme Agreement

[...] ⁷³

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 final 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,
 - h) ⁷⁴the 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.
- (4) ⁷⁵In the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, a mandatory agreement must be concluded regarding the rights and obligations related to the fulfilment of the doctoral candidate's study plan and the obtainment of the degree. The agreement shall be entered into between the head of the doctoral school where the candidate is pursuing their training, the doctoral candidate, the topic supervisor provided by the doctoral school, and the workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor.

⁷² Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

⁷³ Quotation from R. Section 11 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

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

⁷⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

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

[...] ⁷⁶

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.
- (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

⁷⁶ Quotation from R. Section 13 (1), (4)-(6) omitted in this space – TN.

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.
- (6) ⁷⁷In the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, transferring to another doctoral school/programme or changing the doctoral topic shall not be permitted.

Nftv. Section 17 (1) In higher education a training program may be offered in the form of full-time, part-time or distance education programs in accordance with the training and outcome requirements. Full-time programs shall comprise at least two hundred course hours, or equivalent closed-system electronic distance education, per semester.

(2) Full-time training - except for closed-system electronic distance education - shall be delivered according to the full-time work arrangement where the academic week consists of five days, on regular working days. Derogations from this provision may be made with the consent of the students' union of the higher education institution. Full-time programs may also be organized as dual training programs.

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) ⁷⁸Time 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, 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.

⁷⁷ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

⁷⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LI/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

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 Academic System shall be made by the faculty office.

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

(1) Doctoral training comprises training, research and reporting activities performed individually or in groups, adapted to the specifics of the field of science concerned and the needs of the doctoral student, made up of a training and research phase, and a training and dissertation phase. Over the course of the training program, students shall be required to close the study and research stage with a comprehensive examination intended to measure and evaluate their progress in study and research, the passing of which shall be a condition for the commencement of the research and dissertation stage.

(3) A person who has prepared individually for obtaining a degree may also join a doctoral program, provided they have fulfilled the requirements for admission and for doctoral training. In that case, student status is established by passing the comprehensive examination. In a doctoral program student status may also be established by passing the comprehensive examination by students who prepared individually in a general medicine, veterinary, dentist or pharmacologist program while maintaining student status, for obtaining a degree and the credits taken up in master's training have been recognized during the comprehensive examination pursuant to the higher education institution's doctoral protocol.

[...] ⁷⁹

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.

⁷⁹ Quotation from R. Section 12/A (1), (3)-(5) omitted in this space – TN.

- (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 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) ⁸⁰Doctoral 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. Students admitted under Section 40 (6a) of Nftv. may take the comprehensive examination if they obtain a degree and qualification in the Master's programme by the application deadline, and proof of this is presented by the day of the comprehensive examination.
- (2) ⁸¹The 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. In the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, the topic supervisor shall consult the opinion of the workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor.

R. Section 12 (1) Candidates preparing individually for obtaining a doctoral degree shall demonstrate that they are prepared with academic publications and/or their artistic creative activity, as specified in the doctoral protocol.

(2) Candidates preparing individually must submit a doctoral dissertation in accordance with the doctoral protocol within five academic years of the establishment of their student status.

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.

⁸⁰Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: 27 May 2025.

⁸¹Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective: 19 May 2026.

- (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.
- (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) ⁸²who after obtaining the final 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) ⁸³whose 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 final 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 Sciences⁸⁴ (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

⁸² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁸³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁸⁴ Act XL of 1994 on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Section 3 (1) point o)

- e) a proof of payment of the fees payable for the habitus investigation and the comprehensive examination.

Announcing Comprehensive Examination Dates

Section 52

- (1) ⁸⁵Comprehensive 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

[...] ⁸⁶

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) ⁸⁷topic supervisor, workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor,
 - b) relative (Section 8:1 (1) of the Civil Code of Hungary),

⁸⁵ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁸⁶Quotations from R. Section 12/A (2), Section 17 omitted in this space – TN

⁸⁷Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

- 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 for the exclusion of the member, if the Disciplinary Doctoral Council originally appointed a substitute member to the committee.
- (5) ⁸⁸In accordance with the provisions of the faculty doctoral regulations, the topic supervisor, or in the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, the workplace professional advisor/external 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, or in the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, the workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor of the date of the exam simultaneously to the notification of the Student.

[...] ⁸⁹

Evaluation of the Exam. Retaking an Unsuccessful Exam

⁹⁰**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 54⁹¹

- (1) A minutes shall be prepared on the comprehensive examination.
- (2) ⁹²The 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) ⁹³
- (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

⁸⁸Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

⁸⁹Quotation from Act V of 2013 on the Civil Code of Hungary Section 8.1 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

⁹⁰Provision enacted by Senate Resolution CCII/2016. (IX. 26.).

⁹¹Amended by Senate Resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective 26 September, 2016.

⁹²Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

⁹³Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Repealed from the first day of the comprehensive exam period after the amendment.

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 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 STUDENTS⁹⁴

Nftv. Section 49 (8) Students with disabilities shall be given the opportunity to prepare for and take examinations in a manner adapted to their condition, and shall receive assistance for meeting the obligations arising from student status. They shall, in justified cases, be exempted from studying, or the obligation to take tests or examinations regarding, certain subjects, or parts thereof. They shall, if necessary, be granted exemption from tests of technical foreign language skills or certain parts or levels thereof. They shall be allowed longer preparation periods before examinations, enabled to use of aids, such as typewriters or computers, for written tests and, where appropriate, the option of taking a written tests instead of oral examinations. The exemptions under this Subsection shall be granted only in respect of the underlying circumstances and shall not result in exemption from the basic academic requirements to be fulfilled for obtaining the professional qualification attested by the diploma.

Nftv. vhr. Section 62⁹⁵ (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. Section 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.

⁹⁴ New title and subchapter enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

⁹⁵ 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.

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.

Section 55/A⁹⁶

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 FINAL CERTIFICATE (ABSOLUTORIUM)

Nftv. Section 53 (4a) A higher education institution shall issue a final certificate (absolutorium) to doctoral students who have fulfilled the requirements of and acquired the number of credits required under the doctoral program with the results of their research or their documented artistic creative activity.

Nftv. Section 59 (1) The student status shall cease to exist

d) on the last day of the semester in which the student obtains the final certificate (absolutorium)

Nftv. vhr. Section 44 (1) If the Student has fulfilled the criteria for the issuance of the final 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 final certificate at the time of its issuance.

(3) The final certificate shall be issued as a certified document.

(4) The final 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 final certificate is an annex to the registry sheet.

Section 56⁹⁷

The Conditions of Obtaining the Final Certificate (Absolutorium)

(1) The successful completion of the doctoral programme, the fulfilment of the academic requirements shall be verified by the final 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) ⁹⁸The final 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

⁹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective: 27 June 2023.

⁹⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

⁹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective: 13 December 2021.

- (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

CONDITIONS OF OBTAINING THE DOCTORAL DEGREE⁹⁹

Nftv. Section 53 (4) Doctoral students shall submit their doctoral theses within three academic years from the comprehensive examination, as set out in the doctoral protocol. In cases worthy of special consideration, that time limit may be extended by up to one academic year, as set out in the doctoral protocol. The student status shall not be suspended for a period of more than two semesters during the procedure for obtaining the degree, or up to six semesters as prescribed by the doctoral protocol if the doctoral student gives birth, and in the latter case the deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation may be extended in cases of exceptional circumstances by three academic years in accordance with the doctoral protocol.

(4a) A higher education institution shall issue a final certificate (absolutorium) to doctoral students who have fulfilled the requirements of and acquired the number of credits required under the doctoral program with the results of their research or their documented artistic creative activity.

(5) The criteria for obtaining a doctoral degree are as follows:

- a) fulfilling the obligations prescribed on the basis of the doctoral protocol;
- b) providing sufficient proof, as set out in the doctoral protocol, of adequate language proficiency for performing academic activity in the given discipline in one or two foreign languages, one of which may be a non-Hungarian sign language in the case of deaf students;
- 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; defense 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. The register shall be accessible online. The detailed rules governing doctoral programs and the award of doctoral degrees shall be laid down in the doctoral protocol of the higher education institution with the stipulation that if the higher education institution submits a successful bid to offer research excellence doctoral training, the provisions of the student status shall apply to the student's classes and academic obligations.

(7) Persons holding a PhD degree may use the abbreviation "PhD" or "Dr." with their name, those holding a DLA degree may use the abbreviation "DLA" or "Dr." with their name, or the abbreviation of "DBA" or Dr. if holding a DBA degree.

Nftv. Section 117/G (1) By way of derogation from Subsection (4) of Section 53, doctoral students who passed the comprehensive examination between 1 February 2018 and 31 August 2021 shall submit their doctoral dissertations within four academic years following the comprehensive examination, as set out in the doctoral protocol. In cases deserving special consideration, that time limit may be extended by up to one year, as set out in the doctoral protocol.

(2) During the procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree defined in Subsection (1), student status shall not be suspended for a period of more than four semesters.

[...]¹⁰⁰

Section 58

- (1) The conditions of obtaining the doctoral degree shall be
 - a) the obtainment of the final certificate verifying the completion of the doctoral programme,
 - b) preparation of the doctoral dissertation,

⁹⁹ Title amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective: 13 December 2021.

¹⁰⁰ Quotation from R. Section 13 (2)-(3), Section 14 (1)-(3) omitted in this space – TN.

- c) preparation of the abstracts preparing the subject, methods and results of the dissertation,
 - d) ¹⁰¹ 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) ¹⁰²
 - 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.
- (2) ¹⁰³The 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) ¹⁰⁴
- (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) ¹⁰⁵The 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 – or in the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, the workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor – must be attached to the request.

SUBMISSION OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

[...] ¹⁰⁶

Content and Formal Requirements of the Doctoral Dissertation

Section 60

- (1) The doctoral dissertation cannot be written in co-authorship.

¹⁰¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

¹⁰² Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed: June 27, 2023.

¹⁰³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in ongoing programmes and procedures as well.

¹⁰⁴ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2024. (XI. 18.). Effective November 19, 2024.

¹⁰⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

¹⁰⁶Quotation from Nftv. Section 108 1a. omitted in this space – TN.

- (2) ¹⁰⁷The 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

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) ¹⁰⁸ 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) ¹⁰⁹ Prior 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) ¹¹⁰ The 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.

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

¹⁰⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The provision shall apply to doctoral dissertations (abstracts) submitted after 1 September 2022.

¹⁰⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

¹¹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LI/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

- (4) ¹¹¹Following 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.

THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE¹¹²

[...] ¹¹³

Section 63

- (1) ¹¹⁴The 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) ¹¹⁵Persons 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) ¹¹⁶Decision 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 64¹¹⁷

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) ¹¹⁸The 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 final certificate verifying the completion of the doctoral programme,

¹¹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution LI/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

¹¹² Title amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April, 2020.

¹¹³ Quotation from R. Section 17 omitted in this space – TN.

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

¹¹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

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

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

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

- b) the doctoral dissertation and doctoral abstracts pursuant to Section 62,
 - c) ¹¹⁹the 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 – including by the workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor in the case of a cooperative doctoral programme – 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 bibliographic database pursuant to the Rector’s Order on the register of the publications of the University¹²⁰ can be taken into account,
 - f) ¹²¹
 - g) ¹²²a declaration from the applicant that he/she has no pending doctoral procedure in the same academic discipline.
 - h) ¹²³the “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) ¹²⁴The 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) ¹²⁵The 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) ¹²⁶The 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

[...] ¹²⁷

¹¹⁹Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

¹²⁰ Rector’s Order 6/2012. (II. 23.).

¹²¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

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

¹²³ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The provision shall apply to doctoral dissertations (abstracts) submitted after 1 September 2022.

¹²⁴ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹²⁵ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹²⁶ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹²⁷ Quotation from R. Section 15 (1)-(2), Section 16 (1)-(10) omitted in this space – TN.

[...] ¹²⁸

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.
- (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) ¹²⁹At 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) ¹³⁰Upon 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) ¹³¹In 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.

¹²⁸ Quotation from Nftv. vhr. Section 42 (5)-(6) omitted in this space – TN.

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

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

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

- (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) ¹³²The 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 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) ¹³³ 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) ¹³⁴ 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) ¹³⁵Following 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 – including the workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor in the case of a cooperative doctoral programme – 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. A copy of the minutes may only be requested by the Doctoral Candidate and a representative authorised by the candidate in writing. ¹³⁶

¹³² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

¹³³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021

¹³⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021

¹³⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

¹³⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXLVII/2025. (XII. 15.). Effective December 16, 2025.

- (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) ¹³⁷The doctoral procedure shall be concluded within one year of the submission of the doctoral dissertation.

Section 70

- (1) ¹³⁸ Pursuant to the provisions of the faculty doctoral regulations, the doctoral dissertation may also be submitted in a language other than the language of the programme in the doctoral procedure, or the entire doctoral procedure can be conducted in a language other than the language of the programme. The decisions on the submission of the doctoral dissertation in a language other than the language of the programme and conducting the critique procedure in a language other than the language of the programme 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) ¹³⁹In 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) ¹⁴⁰Following 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.

¹³⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹³⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

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

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

- (2) ¹⁴¹Should 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) ¹⁴²The 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.
- (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

[...]¹⁴³

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) ¹⁴⁴is 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

¹⁴¹ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁴² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV.16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁴³ Quotation from Nftv. Section 52/A (1)-(7) omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁴⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Section 75

- (1) ¹⁴⁵The 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.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

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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.

¹⁴⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁴⁶ Quotation from Nftv. Section 53/A (1)-(3) omitted in this space – TN.

- (5) ¹⁴⁷The 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) ¹⁴⁸If 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 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) ¹⁴⁹If 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. Section 78 (1) Hungarian higher education institutions may deliver off-site training programs outside the territory of Hungary, as set out in the applicable government decree, if they are allowed to do so by the law of the country concerned. Subsection (4) of Section 67 shall apply to the registration of such programs.

(2) The Hungarian State may contribute funding for the operations of the higher education institutions referred to in Subsection (1), as set out in the applicable law, under international agreements, in accordance with a work plan, and/or through application schemes or agreements. Calls for such applications may be announced, and such agreements may be concluded, by the Minister.

(3) A Hungarian higher education institution and a foreign higher education institution may offer a joint program 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-recognized higher education institutions in the

¹⁴⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

¹⁴⁸ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁴⁹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

states in which they have their respective headquarters,

b) the diploma so awarded 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 authorized to launch programs in a field of study or discipline considered as equivalent to the field of study or discipline in which the joint program covered by the agreement is launched,

d)

e)

(4) No authorization shall be required for the operation of the foreign higher education institution in Hungary in the case of programs specified in Subsection (3).

(5) The education authority shall register the agreement and the program in accordance with the general rules applicable to launching programs.

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. Section 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) ¹⁵⁰A 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 Order¹⁵¹. The final agreement may only diverge from the model agreement on the basis of an international agreement or foreign legislation pertaining to the other contracting party. The signed framework agreement or contract shall

¹⁵⁰ Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

¹⁵¹ Rector's Order 4/2022. (VII.25.)

be registered on behalf of the Rector with the Educational Authority by the Directorate for Educational Affairs.

SUB-COURSE TRAINING

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Nftv. Section 42 (1) A student

a) may apply for guest student status at another higher education institution in order to take sub-courses related to the program pursued at the home institution,

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

(1a) The higher education institution shall issue, from its academic system, micro-credentials on the academic performance as under Paragraph a) of Subsection (1), containing the course description (content elements) as well, and transfer it electronically via the academic system to the academic system of the higher education institution where the guest student has a student status.

(2) A higher education institution may admit, for sub-course training in any of its courses or modules, and grant student status to, persons who are not enrolled as students, without conducting a separate admission procedure, for tuition-based training. The institution shall issue from the academic system micro-credentials - containing a course description (content elements) - on academic performance. The completed course or module may be taken into account in the student's tertiary studies in accordance with the rules of credit transfer.

(2a) A higher education institution may establish an additional training relationship also with its students for tuition-based sub-course training. The higher education institution shall issue micro-credentials in proof of the successful completion of sub-course training.

(3) The conditions for accepting the applications referred to in Subsections (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, student status may be established by enrolment after the decision on admission or transfer has become definitive, for discharging the obligations defined in Subsection (2) of Section 43.

(5) As long as student status exists, no additional 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 overdue payment obligations shall not be allowed to register.

(6) With the exceptions laid down in the relevant government decree, the transfer referred to in Paragraph b) of Subsection (1) shall be approved only if the new program leads to the same level of degree, in the case of bachelor programs and undivided master's programs, provided the student concerned actually acquired at least 30 credits at their previous institution.

Sub-course Training at a Domestic University

Section 79

- (1) The Student may pursue sub-course training (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 sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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

¹⁵² Quotation from Nftv. Section 108 point 30 omitted in this space – TN.

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.

Sub-course Training at a Foreign Higher Education Institution

Section 80

- (1) The Student may also pursue sub-course training abroad. As part of the sub-course training, 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 sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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 sub-course training at home and abroad, the maximum number of credits obtainable in the sub-course training 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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Section 83

¹⁵³ Quotation from Nftv. Section 51 (5)-(6), Section 52 (1) omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁵⁴ Quotation from Nftv. Vhr. Section 35 (1)-(2), Section 46 (9) omitted in this space – TN.

- (1) ¹⁵⁵The 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) ¹⁵⁶At the request of the recipient of the doctoral degree, for a fee, a Latin-language decorative certificate shall also be issued.
- (3) ¹⁵⁷
- (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) ¹⁵⁸the 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.
- (6) ¹⁵⁹The 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) ¹⁶⁰The doctoral conferment ceremony shall be set by the Directorate for Educational Affairs 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

¹⁵⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

¹⁵⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

¹⁵⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Repealed from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

¹⁵⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

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

¹⁶⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

¹⁶¹ Quotation from Nftv. Section 52 (8) omitted in this space – TN.

¹⁶² Quotation from R. Section 18 (1)-(4), 19 (1)-(4) omitted in this space – TN.

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) ¹⁶³If 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) ¹⁶⁴The 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 Academic System.
- (3) ¹⁶⁵The 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

Nftv. Section 81 (1) The following services are available for students under programs supported by Hungarian State scholarships or limited grants:

a) lectures, seminars, consultations, practical courses and field studies, taken for the first time, assessments and examinations, including the first repetition of unsuccessful assessments and examinations, the completion of the final examination or the procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree during the period of student status, as required for the fulfilment of the education and academic requirements specified in training programs, for obtaining diplomas or the final certificates in doctoral programs,

b) participation in programs of colleges for advanced studies,

c) access to the higher education institution’s facilities, such as libraries, core library services, laboratories and IT, sports and leisure facilities, including its equipment, used in relation to services available free of charge,

d) working clothes, personal protective equipment (protective clothing) and sanitary products provided for practical training included in tertiary vocational training programs, or protective equipment (protective clothing) and sanitary products in the case of other programs,

e) student counseling,

f) first issue of all documents awarded for the completion of the program or the procedure for obtaining a doctoral degree, unless more favorable conditions are laid down by government decree regarding the student concerned.

(2) Higher education institutions shall - unless otherwise provided by law - not require students participating in program supported by Hungarian State scholarships or limited grants to pay administrative service fees (e.g. enrollment fee).

(2a) The State shall make it possible for students to acquire the first professional qualification related to the professional training specified in the Act on Vocational Training free of charge until the first qualification examination is passed, in higher education institutions maintained by the State or by public-benefit trust carrying out public service functions, and in ecclesiastical higher education institutions.

(3) If a student participating in a program supported by Hungarian State scholarship or limited grant participates in part-time training in an EEA Member State that may be counted towards the training provided by the Hungarian higher education institution, such student may be given scholarship for the period of his or

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

¹⁶⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁶⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

her studies abroad - as provided for in Subsection (4) - by the higher education institution where he or she is a student.

(4) Students shall be eligible for the scholarship referred to in Subsection (3) only if the studies abroad are commenced with the consent of the higher education institution concerned.

(5) The scholarship referred to in Subsection (3) hereof shall be provided from the funding stipulated in Subsection (1) of Section 84/A. Decisions on granting such scholarship shall be made on the basis of open application procedures.

Nftv. Section 82 (1) The following services shall be available to students for a fee in the framework of programs supported by Hungarian State scholarships or limited grants:

a) ...

b) anything produced by using the assets of the higher education institution and provided for students by the higher education institution if it subsequently becomes the property of the student (e.g. reproduced documents);

c) access to the higher education institution's facilities (libraries, laboratories and IT, sports and recreational facilities) and equipment, used outside the context of services available free of charge;

d) courses resulting in available credits in addition to the mandatory credits and/or those to be provided by the higher education institution on a mandatory basis pursuant to this Act.

(2)¹⁶⁶ The higher education institution may impose payment obligations in its academic and examination regulations on those who retake an examination in the same subject three or more times or take the same lecture, seminar, consultation, practical course or field study repeatedly, and in its fees and allowances policy on those who fail to meet their obligations set out in the study and examination regulations, or fulfill those obligations in delay. The amount to be paid shall in no case exceed five percent of the mandatory minimum wage for full-time work.

(3)¹⁶⁷ The rules for determining the fees chargeable pursuant to Subsections (1) and (2) shall be laid down in the fees and allowances policy.

(4) Section 81 and Subsections (1)-(3) hereof shall apply to students supported by Hungarian State scholarships or limited grants even when studying as a guest student.

Nftv. Section 83 (1) Self-financed students shall pay a tuition for the services set out in Subsections (1)-(2) of Section 81 and pay fees for the services listed in Subsections (1)-(2) of Section 82.

(2)¹⁶⁸ The regime for determining the tuition and fees shall be laid down in the fees and allowances policy, on the basis of which the higher education institution shall set the amounts of tuition and fees in the student training contract.

(3) A proportionate amount - as set out in the organizational and operational regulations - of the costs paid shall be reimbursed to students who give notice of the termination or suspension of student status before the date specified in the organizational and operational regulations.

(4) The organizational and operational regulations shall contain the rules which form the basis of the rector's decision in the case of students participating in tuition-based training programs, on the benefits due on the basis of academic results, or available on the basis of social needs, and the permission for payment in installments.

(5) A higher education institution may enter into an agreement on granting student status with the person identified by the contracting party. Student status may only be granted by way of such agreements to those who otherwise comply with the conditions laid down in this Act. The agreement shall stipulate that the contracting party is to cover all costs related to the studies of the student concerned.

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) ¹⁶⁹The 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

¹⁶⁶ Amended by Point 15 of Section 54 of Act LIX of 2022.

¹⁶⁷ Established by Section 50 of Act XIII of 2024, effective as of 10 May 2024.

¹⁶⁸ Amended by Point 19 of Section 82 of Act CXXXI of 2015, Point 22 of Section 18 of Act LXXXV of 2023.

¹⁶⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

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) ¹⁷⁰The 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) ¹⁷¹The 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) ¹⁷²Honoraria 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.
- (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

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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,

¹⁷⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁷¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁷² First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁷³ 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.

- c) proof of payment of the fee payable for the nostrification procedure,
 - d) ¹⁷⁴proof 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

- (1) ¹⁷⁵Faculties taking part in the doctoral programme shall prepare a professional report on the year preceding the reference year.
- (2) ¹⁷⁶
- (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

[...]¹⁷⁷

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

¹⁷⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁷⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV.16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

¹⁷⁶ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Repealed 13 December 2021.

¹⁷⁷ Quotation from R. Section 20 omitted in this space – TN.

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.
- (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

[...] ¹⁷⁸

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.

¹⁷⁸ Quotation from R. Section 26 (6) omitted in this space – TN.

- (2) ¹⁷⁹The provisions laid out in the present Regulations shall be applied retroactively to students admitted to doctoral training in the 2016/2017 academic year, with the stipulation that no students may be admitted to Hungarian state-funded part-time correspondence doctoral training starting from the 2016/2017 academic year. 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 legal regulations, university and faculty doctoral regulations, and the organisational and operational regulations of the doctoral schools in effect at the time of their enrolment or establishment of candidate status shall apply.
- (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 final 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 final 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 final 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.

Section 97/A¹⁸⁰

- (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 final 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

¹⁷⁹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective 19 May 2026.

¹⁸⁰ 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

¹⁸¹**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 Chemistry¹⁸²

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

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

¹⁸¹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

¹⁸² 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
	¹⁸³ Modern Philosophy
	Aesthetics
	Phenomenology
	Hermeneutics
	¹⁸⁴ Intercultural Philosophy
	Logic and Philosophy of Science
	¹⁸⁵ Ethics and Political Philosophy
	Film, Media and Culture Theory
	Art History
	¹⁸⁶ Religious Studies
Literary and Cultural Studies	English and American Literature
	French Literature
	Dutch Literature
	Literary Theory
	Comparative Literature
	¹⁸⁷ Library and Information Science
	¹⁸⁸ Hispanic and Lusophone Literatures
	History of Hungarian Literature
	Literatures in German
	Italian Literature
	Russian and Slavic Literatures
	Scandinavian Literature
	Folklore and Literature of the Uralic Peoples
	Hungarian and Comparative Folklore
	¹⁸⁹ Theatre Studies
Education ¹⁹⁰	¹⁹¹ Adult Learning and Education
	¹⁹² Theoretical and Historical Pedagogy
	¹⁹³ Special Education
	¹⁹⁴ Early Childhood Education
	¹⁹⁵ Culture, Diversity and Education
	Language Pedagogy
	¹⁹⁶ Education-Learning-Inequalities
	¹⁹⁷ Teacher Education and Higher Education Studies

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

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

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

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

187 Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

188 Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

189 Enacted by, deleting Portuguese and Brazilian Literature, Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

190 Field of Educational Research deleted by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	¹⁹⁸ Sports and Health Education
	¹⁹⁹ Subject Pedagogies
	²⁰⁰ Learning, Instruction and Subject Pedagogies
Linguistics	English Linguistics
	Applied Linguistics
	Arabic Studies
	²⁰¹ Buddhist Philology
	Theoretical Linguistics
	Translation Studies
	German Linguistics
	²⁰² Indian Studies
	Iranian Studies
	Cognitive Linguistics
	Japanese Studies
	²⁰³ Korean Studies
	Hungarian Linguistics
	Mongolian Linguistics
	²⁰⁴ 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 ²⁰⁵	²⁰⁶ 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
	²⁰⁷ Methodology
Sociology	Social Politics
	Sociology
	Interdisciplinary Social Research ²⁰⁸
History ²⁰⁹	Egyptology
	Interdisciplinary History ²¹⁰
	Economic and Social History

¹⁹⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

¹⁹⁹ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

²⁰⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

²⁰¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27 2023.

²⁰² Enacted by Senate resolution CCXCVII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

²⁰³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27 2023.

²⁰⁴ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

²⁰⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

²⁰⁶ Enacted by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

²⁰⁷ Enacted by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

²⁰⁸ Enacted by Senate resolution CCV/2017. (VI. 26.) on the amendment to Annex 1 of the University Doctoral Regulations.

²⁰⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²¹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CCVI/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021

	Eastern European History
	Cultural History
	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
	²¹¹ Particle and Nuclear Physics
	Statistical Physics, Biological Physics and Physics of Quantum Systems
	Physics Education
	²¹² Astronomy and Space Physics
Earth Sciences	Mineralogy
	Geology
	²¹³ Geoinformatics
	Petrology and Geochemistry
	Paleontology
	Hydrogeology
	Geophysics
	Meteorology

²¹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

²¹² Enacted by Senate Resolution XC/2021. (VI. 30.). Effective June 29, 2021.

²¹³ Enacted by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2024. (XI. 18.). Effective November 19, 2024.

	Social Geography
	Physical Geography
	Cartography
Information Science and Technology	Informatics
Chemistry	Analytical Chemistry
	²¹⁴ 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 ²¹⁵	

²¹⁴Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27 2023.

²¹⁵ 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 2²¹⁶

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

²¹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the 2022/2023 academic year.

ANNEX 2/A²¹⁷

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 «HE/SHE»

«NAME»

«BIRTH NAME»,

«HIM/HER» «SZÜLHÉLY»

die «DAY» mensis «MONTH», anno Domini «YEAR» «HE/SHE»,

se coram nobis

in «DISCIPLINE»

«FIELD»

sine ulla dubitatione «QUALIFICATION»

«HIM/HER» et doctum comprobasset,

propterea «HIM/HER» 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

²¹⁷ 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. ²¹⁸The 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

²¹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

4.a. ²¹⁹

5. ²²⁰A 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.

²¹⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution III/2023. (II. 08.). Repealed February 7, 2023.

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



ANNEX 5
APPLICATION FORMS²²¹

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EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY
Comprehensive Exam Application Form for Students Taking Part in
a Programme Organised at a Doctoral School of ELTE²²²

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 Academic System identification code:

ID number if Electronic Academic 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:

²²³**In the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, name and place of employment of workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor:**

²²⁴**Language of doctoral procedure:** HUN/foreign ([please specify] _____)

language

Doctoral topic:

Budapest,, 20...

**Applicant's
signature**

Please print or type the application form.

²²¹ 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.

²²² Title amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

²²³ Application form amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

²²⁴ Amended by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.



EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY
Comprehensive Exam Application Form for Students
Who Have Not Taken Part in a Programme
Organised at a Doctoral School of ELTE²²⁵

I the undersigned hereby request admission and 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 Academic System identification code (for former ELTE students):

ID number if Electronic Academic 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:

²²⁵ Application form amended by Senate Resolution CCXLVII/2025. (XII. 15.) Effective December 16, 2025.

II. Optional fields****Phone number:****E-mail address:**

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.

I have read the Privacy notice [see <https://www.elte.hu/phd-dokumentumok> → **Privacy notice** (admission procedure for the doctoral programme; doctoral training, doctoral procedure, nostrification procedure)].

I consent to the processing of my data which I was not required to provide on the application form.

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.



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EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY
²²⁶Application for initiating the 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 Academic System identification code:

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

²²⁷Language 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 final certificate:

Final 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:

In the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, name and place of employment of workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor:

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

²²⁶ Application form amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

^{*} Appropriate text applicable.

^{*} Please underline.

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:**

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.

I have read the Privacy notice [see <https://www.elte.hu/phd-dokumentumok> → **Privacy notice** (admission procedure for the doctoral programme; doctoral training, doctoral procedure, nostrification procedure)].

I consent to the processing of my data which I was not required to provide on the application form.

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.



EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY

²²⁸Request 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):**

Language 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:

II. Optional fields:**

Phone number:

E-mail address:

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.

I have read the Privacy notice [see <https://www.elte.hu/phd-dokumentumok> → **Privacy notice** (admission procedure for the doctoral programme; doctoral training, doctoral procedure, nostrification procedure)].

I consent to the processing of my data which I was not required to provide on the application form.

Budapest,, 20...

**Applicant's
signature**

Please print or type the request.

** Filling out the fields under part II is not mandatory but the details will be useful in later administrative procedures.



EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY

DECLARATION FORM for disclosure of a doctoral dissertation and indication of the DOI ID²²⁹

I. The data of the doctoral dissertation:

Name of the author:

Title and subtitle of the doctoral dissertation:

Name of the doctoral school:

Name of the doctoral programme:

Name and scientific degree of the supervisor:

Workplace of the supervisor:

In the case of a cooperative doctoral programme, name and place of employment of workplace professional advisor/external topic supervisor:

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- 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.
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²²⁹ Application form amended by Senate Resolution LIII/2026. (V. 18.). Effective May 19, 2026.

²³⁰ Filled by the administrator of the faculty offices.

²³¹ Act CCIV of 2011 (Nftv.) 53/A (1) Doctoral dissertations and the accompanying theses shall be accessible to all. Publication may be postponed until not later than the publication of the application for a patent or protection. The higher education institution awarding the doctoral degree shall ensure that doctoral dissertation and the accompanying theses are archived in electronic and printed form and made public in full, to which end the higher education institution shall make all doctoral dissertation and the accompanying theses available in one printed copy and one recorded on an electronic medium in its central library, in a cataloged system.

²³² University Doctoral Regulations Section 40 (4) Following 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.

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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) ²³³ make 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.

²³³ 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) ²³⁴The Chair of the council 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) ²³⁵The lecturer and researcher 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. A Doctoral Student representative delegated in accordance with the Bylaws of the University Doctoral Student Union shall participate in the work of the council of the doctoral school with voting rights.
- (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) ²³⁶approving 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,

²³⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2025. (X. 13.). Effective October 14, 2025.

²³⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2025. (X. 13.). Effective October 14, 2025.

²³⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- g) ²³⁷
 - 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.
- (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) ²³⁸ 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) ²³⁹ 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

²³⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

²³⁸ Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²³⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: 17 April 2020.

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
 - 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) ²⁴⁰Applicants have the option of submitting their applications if they are in possession of a university final 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) ²⁴¹based 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

²⁴⁰ 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.

²⁴¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

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) ²⁴² In 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 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) ²⁴³the 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 sub-course training at another institution.

²⁴² 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.

²⁴³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (5) ²⁴⁴The 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 the doctoral dissertation by the deadline specified in Nftv. Section 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 17²⁴⁵

- (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.

²⁴⁴ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

²⁴⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2020. (XII. 16.). Effective December 15, 2020.

- (2) In the research and dissertation phase, the 10 credits specified in paragraph (1) must be completed in the form of publications, sub-course training, reviews and professional translation specified in the curriculum of the doctoral school.

SUB-COURSE TRAINING AT OTHER HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Section 18

- (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 sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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 sub-course training, 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.

SUB-COURSE TRAINING AT FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Section 19

- (1) The Student may pursue sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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) ²⁴⁶The preliminary approval of the Student's request to pursue sub-course training 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 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 sub-course training – 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 sub-course training.
- (3) The Student in pursuit of sub-course training 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 sub-course training abroad.

Section 21

- (1) The decision on the recognition of the sub-course training and the taking into consideration of the Student's results achieved over the course of the sub-course training shall be made by the Disciplinary Doctoral Council, at the request of the Student.
- (2) In order for the sub-course training 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 sub-course training.
- (3) The Student's topic supervisor shall evaluate the report on the sub-course training 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 sub-course training and research, whether the Student has completed the approved work programme. If the Disciplinary Doctoral Council accepts the Student's results obtained in the sub-course training, it shall decide on the amount of credits the Student shall be awarded for them.
- (5) In the event that a Student pursuing sub-course training 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 sub-course training.

Section 22²⁴⁷

²⁴⁶ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁴⁷ Section and preceding header repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

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 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) ²⁴⁸The 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

²⁴⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

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) ²⁴⁹The 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.
- (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) ²⁵⁰ The 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) ²⁵¹The 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.

²⁴⁹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁵⁰ 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.

- (3) ²⁵²A 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) ²⁵³the 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.
- (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 FINAL CERTIFICATE (ABSOLUTORIUM)

Section 27²⁵⁴

The final 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 PROCEDURE²⁵⁵

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) ²⁵⁶The 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,

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

²⁵³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective on the first day of the first comprehensive exam period following the amendment.

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

²⁵⁵ Sub-heading amended by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁵⁶ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- c) ²⁵⁷ verification of the foreign language proficiency requirement set out in the Organisational and Operational Regulations of the Doctoral School as specified therein.
- (2) ²⁵⁸The languages accepted under point c) of Section 29 (1) are determined by the operational regulations of the doctoral school.²⁵⁹
- (3) Should any of the conditions listed in paragraph (1) not be met, the doctoral procedure may not be started.
- (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 30²⁶⁰

- (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 31²⁶¹

- (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.

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

²⁵⁸Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

²⁵⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

²⁶⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

²⁶¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Section 32

- (1) ²⁶²The 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 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) ²⁶³Before 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) ²⁶⁴The 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

²⁶² Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

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

²⁶⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution a CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

- (1) ²⁶⁵The 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,
 - 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) ²⁶⁶If 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) ²⁶⁷Beyond 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.

²⁶⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution a CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

²⁶⁶Second sentence 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.

THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Section 38

- (1) ²⁶⁸The 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 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 39²⁶⁹

- (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) ²⁷⁰In 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

²⁶⁸ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

²⁶⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁷⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (1) ²⁷¹In 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 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.

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

- 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) ²⁷²The 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, 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) ²⁷³The 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) ²⁷⁴The 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

²⁷² Amended by Senate Resolution a CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

²⁷³ Amended by Senate Resolution a CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

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

- 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 Insufficenter, 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.
- (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) ²⁷⁵In the event that the public defence of the doctoral dissertation shall qualify as Insufficenter 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

²⁷⁵Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- 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.
 - (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) ²⁷⁶Staff 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

²⁷⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (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.
- (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) ²⁷⁷At 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

²⁷⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied to comprehensive examinations organised after its effective date.

- 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)²⁷⁸

²⁷⁸ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCXLVII/2025. (XII. 15.). Effective December 16, 2025.

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

THE SCOPE OF THE FACULTY DOCTORAL REGULATIONS

Section 1²⁷⁹

The scope of the Faculty Doctoral Regulations (hereinafter: Regulations) at the Faculty of Humanities shall extend in the field of humanities and the academic disciplines of philosophy, literary and cultural studies, language studies and history 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) ²⁸⁰The 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.

²⁷⁹ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

²⁸⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

- (4) ²⁸¹Members 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.

Section 3

- (1) ²⁸²The mandate of the members of the Doctoral Council of Humanities shall last for the term of their mandate. The mandate of the external 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) in line with the mandate of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Humanities.
- (3) The mandates of the members of the BDT shall cease upon
- the expiry of the mandate,
 - resignation,
 - reasons laid out in Section 5 (2)-(4) of the University Doctoral Regulations or a recall of the member,
 - the expiry of the member's employment status,
 - the death of the member.
- (4) The recall of the members of the BDT shall be decided on by the Faculty Council based on the recommendation of the Dean.
- (5) 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 4²⁸³

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

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

Operations of the Doctoral Council of Humanities

Section 5²⁸⁴

- The work of the council shall be regulated by its rules of procedure.
- The Doctoral Council of Humanities shall meet at least four times a year or whenever deemed necessary.
- The meetings of the BDT shall be called by its Chair.

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

²⁸²Amended by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2025. (X. 13.). Effective October 14, 2025.

²⁸³Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

²⁸⁴Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

- (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.
- (8) ²⁸⁵A 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) ²⁸⁶the 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,

²⁸⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁸⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020.

- 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,
- n) ²⁸⁷deciding 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) ²⁸⁸
- u) ²⁸⁹deciding on filling up state-financed places that are freed up in the event that the doctoral schools concerned fail to fill them up; this authority may be delegated to the Chair of the BDT.

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,

²⁸⁷ Amended by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020.

²⁸⁸ Repealed by Senate resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

²⁸⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

- 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,
- 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 9²⁹⁰

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 a maximum of five years, ideally 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) ²⁹¹The 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 shall take part in the work of the DIT with voting rights. The delegation of this member shall be regulated by the Bylaws of the University Doctoral Student Union.

²⁹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

²⁹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2025. (X. 13.). Effective October 14, 2025.

- (3) ²⁹²The rules pertaining to the mandates and 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) ²⁹³making 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) ²⁹⁴
 - 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) ²⁹⁵deciding 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) ²⁹⁶deciding 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.

²⁹² Amended by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2025. (X. 13.). Effective October 14, 2025.

²⁹³ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

²⁹⁴ Repealed by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

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

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

- (3) ²⁹⁷ 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, in the case of an interdisciplinary topic, if deemed academically justified.
- (4) ²⁹⁸ The doctoral school councils shall review the recommended lecturers and topic supervisors to determine whether the individual recommended as an instructor meets half of the scientometric requirements for habilitation (cf. University Habilitation Regulations), and whether the individual recommended as a topic supervisor meets two-thirds of the requirements.
- (5) ²⁹⁹ The requirements for lecturers and topic supervisors are contained in the regulations/quality assurance plans of the doctoral schools.

Doctoral Education Programme

Section 12

- (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) ³⁰⁰ apart 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) ³⁰¹ an 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.

²⁹⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

²⁹⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

²⁹⁹ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³⁰⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁰¹ Enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (5) ³⁰²In 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) ³⁰³The 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) ³⁰⁴On 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) ³⁰⁵

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Section 13

- (1) ³⁰⁶The 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 report shall be prepared according to the criteria recommended by the University Doctoral Council.
- (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 final 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).

³⁰² Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

³⁰³ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

³⁰⁴ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

³⁰⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³⁰⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

- (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,
 - ³⁰⁷the 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

³⁰⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020.

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 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)³⁰⁸ 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. The number of credits that can be obtained is 5-10 credits, as specified in the doctoral school's training plan. 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.

³⁰⁹In 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.

³⁰⁸Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³⁰⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (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.
- (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) ³¹⁰Certain 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 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) ³¹¹Applications for the doctoral programme shall be filed electronically.
- (2) ³¹²Applications may be submitted over the course of a period of 45 working days starting from the first working day following March 15 of each year, up until the deadline specified in the admission guide.
- (3) ³¹³The 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

³¹⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

³¹¹ 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.

³¹² Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³¹³ 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.

shall be approved by the BDT and appointed by the head of the doctoral programme.

- (4)³¹⁴The 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 the start of the admission period. 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 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.

³¹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

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 Academic 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) ³¹⁵The 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. In exceptionally justified cases, a change of the topic supervisor may be requested even after applying for the comprehensive examination. The matter shall be decided on by the DIT, taking into consideration the provisions in subsection (3).
- (6) ³¹⁶The 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, or in exceptionally justified cases, afterwards. 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.

³¹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³¹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

- (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) ³¹⁷It 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 courses must be entered into the Electronic Academic System. 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 Academic 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) ³¹⁸The 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.

Sub-course Training

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 sub-course training 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 sub-course training.
- (3) The Doctoral Student can obtain training, research and teaching credits over the course of his/her sub-course training.
- (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 sub-course training at another institution. The

³¹⁷Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³¹⁸ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020.

Doctoral Student shall provide proof of having obtained a minimum of 20 credits each semester during the sub-course training.

- (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 final 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) ³¹⁹Each 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 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) ³²⁰The 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) ³²¹The 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) ³²²The secretary of the Committee shall be delegated by the Department of Doctoral and Academic Affairs.

³¹⁹Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

³²⁰Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

³²¹Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

³²²Amended by Senate Resolution CCXCVIII/2018. (XII. 17.). Effective December 18, 2018.

Sub-course Training Pursued by a Doctoral Student Arriving From Another University

Section 24

- (1) ³²³Reception of Doctoral Students applying to the doctoral school of the Faculty for sub-course training shall be decided on by the head of the doctoral school, based on the recommendation of the head of the relevant programme. 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 sub-course training 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

- (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) ³²⁴The 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) ³²⁵Doctoral 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.

³²³ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³²⁴ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³²⁵ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (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) ³²⁶Following the Student's initial enrolment in the programme in person, the Student shall be obligated to register for each study period in the Electronic Academic 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) ³²⁷The 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 Academic System in the course registration period of each semester. At the Student's request, the Faculty Office shall register a given subject for a fee up until the end of the first week following the course registration period, taking into consideration the limit for the number of students who can register for the course. The Student shall not be granted permission to register for courses following the expiry of 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) ³²⁸Over 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 Academic System (passive semester). The student status may be suspended for a maximum of two semesters in the research and dissertation phase. The student status may be suspended for a maximum of six semesters if the Doctoral Student gives birth after starting their doctoral programme.

³²⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³²⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³²⁸ Last sentence mended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

- (5) ³²⁹Permission 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) ³³⁰At 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.
- (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) ³³¹The comprehensive examinations shall be held during the examination period. The comprehensive examinations shall be organised by the doctoral schools with the contributions of the secretaries of the doctoral schools. Detailed regulations regarding

³²⁹ Enacted by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³³⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

³³¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

the organisation of the comprehensive examinations are laid out in the organisational and operational regulations of the doctoral schools.

- (10) ³³² Doctoral Students must apply for the comprehensive exam held in the autumn examination period by the end of the week following March 31 of the relevant year and for the comprehensive exam held in the winter examination period by the end of the week following October 31 of the relevant year by the deadline and as specified by the Faculty Office.
- (11) A minutes should be prepared on the comprehensive examination.
- (12) ³³³ 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) ³³⁴³³⁵³³⁶ 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) ³³⁷³³⁸ 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 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 Studies³³⁹

Section 30

- (1) The Student shall be issued the absolutorium (final certificate) in the semester in which he/she fully fulfils the academic, examination and publication obligations prescribed in the training plan.
- (2) When verifying the fulfilment of the criteria for obtaining the absolutorium, the Faculty Office may seek the opinion of the relevant doctoral programme and/or the Student's topic supervisor.
- (3) The absolutorium shall be issued by the Faculty Office and entered into the Electronic Academic System, with a verification of this sent to the Student.

³³² Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³³³ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020 (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³³⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective on the first day of the first comprehensive exam period following the amendment.

³³⁵ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

³³⁶ 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.

³³⁷ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

³³⁸ 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.

³³⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

The Research Centre Disputation

Section 30/A³⁴⁰

- (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 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) ³⁴¹A minutes shall be prepared about the disputation, of which one (digital) copy is to be sent to the candidate, one (digital) copy to the head of the programme, and one (digital) copy to the Faculty Office.

THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE³⁴²

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,

³⁴⁰Section and preceding header enacted by Senate Resolution CCVII/2022. (X. 10.). Effective October 11, 2022.

³⁴¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³⁴² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- d) ³⁴³one complex (type C) language proficiency certificate of at least intermediate level (B2), and proficiency in another foreign language as prescribed in paragraph (2),
 - e) ³⁴⁴The 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) ³⁴⁵Proof 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,
 - 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) ³⁴⁶in 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) ³⁴⁷
- (2b) ³⁴⁸
- (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,

³⁴³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXVIII/2024. (XII. 16.). Effective December 17, 2024.

³⁴⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective: April 17, 2020. To be applied in the procedures following its entry into force.

³⁴⁵ 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.

³⁴⁶ Enacted by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

³⁴⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed June 27, 2023.

³⁴⁸ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCXVIII/2024. (XII. 16.). Repealed December 17, 2024.

- 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) ³⁴⁹At 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, he/she must announce his/her intention to do so to the BDT. In this case, the BDT shall terminate the doctoral procedure.
- (8) ³⁵⁰The 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, or three academic years in the case of the doctoral student’s pregnancy or childbirth after the start of the doctoral programme. 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.
- (8a)³⁵¹ (Former) students who had requested a one-year extension of the deadline citing a pregnancy or childbirth, but were unable to submit their doctoral dissertation may submit a new request for the maximum allowed delay specified in subsection (8).
- (9) ³⁵²The doctoral dissertation shall be submitted in 1 hard-bound copy. 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)³⁵³Prior 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)³⁵⁴The 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)³⁵⁵Information on the documents to be submitted in addition to the doctoral dissertation can be found on the website of the Faculty Office.

³⁴⁹ Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁵⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³⁵¹ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³⁵² First sentence amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³⁵³ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

³⁵⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

³⁵⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

Section 32³⁵⁶

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) ³⁵⁷The request for the initiation of the doctoral procedure and its annexes shall be submitted to the Faculty Office on paper or digitally.
- (2) ³⁵⁸The request for the initiation of the doctoral procedure may be submitted starting from the day of the issuance of the final 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 final certificate,
 - b) proof of foreign language proficiency,
 - c) a curriculum vitae and a list of publications printed out from the HAS bibliographic database,
 - 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) ³⁵⁹
 - g) ³⁶⁰a 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.

³⁵⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁵⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³⁵⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁵⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

³⁶⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

- (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) ³⁶¹ The official opponents are appointed by the Chair of the BDT following the submission of the dissertation simultaneously to sending them the dissertation. The two official opponents shall prepare written critiques of the dissertation within two months of its submission – within the term time specified in the schedule of the University’s academic year – and state whether they recommend that the dissertation be scheduled for a public defence. If one of the opponents determines that the dissertation is not suitable for a defence, the BDT shall appoint a third opponent.
- (6) ³⁶² Following 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.
- (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) ³⁶³ The 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.

³⁶¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

³⁶² Last sentence enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

³⁶³ Second sentence enacted by Senate Resolution CLXXII/2019. (VI. 24.). Effective June 25, 2019.

- (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) ³⁶⁴ Following 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 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

³⁶⁵³⁶⁶Section 37

³⁶⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in ongoing procedures as well.

³⁶⁵ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

³⁶⁶ 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.

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) ³⁶⁷The 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.
- ³⁶⁸The applications shall be submitted by October 1 in the autumn semester and by March 1 in the spring semester via the Electronic Academic System. 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 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.

³⁶⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁶⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

- (9) ³⁶⁹Students 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) ³⁷⁰Revenue 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 39³⁷¹

- (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.

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) ³⁷²
- e) a copy of the doctoral dissertation.

³⁶⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁷⁰ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

³⁷¹ 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.

³⁷² Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

Section 41³⁷³

³⁷³ 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) ³⁷⁴The 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) ³⁷⁵The 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) ³⁷⁶The 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) ³⁷⁷The 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:

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

³⁷⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- a) ³⁷⁸management 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

³⁷⁹Section 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,

³⁷⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁷⁹ 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) ³⁸⁰
- 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.

Section 5/A³⁸¹

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

Section 6³⁸²

- (1) ³⁸³The 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 habilitated associate professor, a university professor, or 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.

³⁸⁰ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

³⁸¹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

³⁸² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁸³ Amended by Senate Resolution XXXIII/2026. (III. 23.). Effective 24 May 2026.

- (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 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 7³⁸⁴

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) ³⁸⁵The 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) ³⁸⁶The 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) ³⁸⁷A 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,

³⁸⁴Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁸⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁸⁶ 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.

³⁸⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- 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) ³⁸⁸ 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,
 - h) ³⁸⁹in the case of an exceptionally talented applicant applying under Section 40 (6a) of Nftv. who has obtained a degree and qualification in their undergraduate studies, verification of placement in a Conference of Scientific Students' Associations qualifying them for OTDK participation, or proof of OTDK participation, as proof of their outstanding academic, scientific and language knowledge and skills, and the bibliographic and download data of at least one peer-reviewed, accepted or published individual or co-authored publication.
- (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) ³⁹⁰The 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) ³⁹¹admission to a self-financed full-time organised programme,
 - c) ³⁹²
 - 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) ³⁹³The 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) ³⁹⁴In 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

³⁸⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁸⁹ Enacted by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective 27 May 2025.

³⁹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

³⁹² Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed: 27 June 2023.

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.

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.
- (2) ³⁹⁵The 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) ³⁹⁶The 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) ³⁹⁷The 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) ³⁹⁸ 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) ³⁹⁹ In the subsequent semesters, the Doctoral Student shall register in the Neptun Electronic Academic System to indicate their intention to continue studies in the given semester and, if justified, may submit a request to suspend their studies.
- (9) ⁴⁰⁰The 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

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.

⁴⁰⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

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.

- (10) ⁴⁰¹ 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) ⁴⁰² 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) ⁴⁰³ 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) ⁴⁰⁴ 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) ⁴⁰⁵ 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 Academic 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 Academic 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

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 CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁰⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁰⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

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) ⁴⁰⁶The 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 doctoral programme shall also require the approval of the organisation funding the Student's training.
- (16) ⁴⁰⁷Credits 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) ⁴⁰⁸The completion of the study units shall be verified by the administrator in charge of the subject in the Neptun electronic academic system.
- (18) ⁴⁰⁹The 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) ⁴¹⁰The 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 sub-course training 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) ⁴¹¹In 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

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

⁴⁰⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴¹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴¹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

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) ⁴¹²Should 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, 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) ⁴¹³The Student's fulfilment of his/her academic obligations shall be verified by the final 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.
 - c) ⁴¹⁴if the student admitted under Section 40 (6a) of Nftv. fails to provide proof of their obtainment of a Master's degree and qualification by the date of the comprehensive examination.
- (27) ⁴¹⁵If the Student dismissed from the doctoral programme is admitted again in a new procedure, the recognition of the credits they obtained during their past doctoral studies shall be decided on by the Doctoral Council of Informatics. The 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

⁴¹² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴¹³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴¹⁴ Enacted by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective 27 May 2025.

⁴¹⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective 27 May 2025.

- (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.

OBTAINING THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

Section 11

- (1) ⁴¹⁶The 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) ⁴¹⁷The 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) ⁴¹⁸The 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) ⁴¹⁹
- (8) ⁴²⁰In 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.

⁴¹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴¹⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴¹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴¹⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed: 27 June 2023.

⁴²⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- (9) ⁴²¹Following 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) ⁴²²A 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) ⁴²³A 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) ⁴²⁴The 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 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 12⁴²⁵

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

⁴²¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴²² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴²³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴²⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴²⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

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) ⁴²⁶The list of languages needed for the research of the given academic field shall be determined by the operational regulations of the doctoral school.
- (2) ⁴²⁷ Obtainment 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 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) ⁴²⁸
- (4) ⁴²⁹
- (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) ⁴³⁰The 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.

⁴²⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁴²⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴²⁸ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴²⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁴³⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- (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) ⁴³¹The 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) ⁴³²In 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.
- (7) ⁴³³The 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) ⁴³⁴ 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) ⁴³⁵The 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) ⁴³⁶Following 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) ⁴³⁷The 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:

⁴³¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴³² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴³³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

⁴³⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴³⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

⁴³⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴³⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- 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.
- (2)⁴³⁸ Apart 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)⁴³⁹ In 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 18⁴⁴⁰

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

⁴³⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴³⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁴⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- (1) ⁴⁴¹The 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) ⁴⁴²The 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, professor emeritus or habilitated associate professor 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.
- (4) ⁴⁴³The public disputation shall be held in Hungarian but may be held in English with preliminary permission from the Doctoral School Council.
- (5) ⁴⁴⁴The 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) ⁴⁴⁵Following 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.

⁴⁴¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁴² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective 27 May 2025.

⁴⁴³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁴⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁴⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

- (8) ⁴⁴⁶The 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) ⁴⁴⁷The 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 “insufficienter” 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.
- (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) ⁴⁴⁸Section 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) ⁴⁴⁹In 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) ⁴⁵⁰The 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.

⁴⁴⁶ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁴⁴⁷ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁴⁴⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁴⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

⁴⁵⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

Section 22⁴⁵¹

Titles and sums of charges payable by doctoral students calculated as a percentage of the annual normative scholarship amount shall be the following:

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| 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%
- 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 24⁴⁵²

(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

⁴⁵¹ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁴⁵² Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective 27 June 2023.

(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

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
- Article published in a foreign language in a DD1, Q1 or Q2 journal 20 credits

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.

- (2) **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 1⁴⁵³

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.

⁴⁵³ 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) ⁴⁵⁴The 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) ⁴⁵⁵Permanent 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

⁴⁵⁴ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

⁴⁵⁵ 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) ⁴⁵⁶With 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) ⁴⁵⁷

⁴⁵⁶ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

⁴⁵⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Repealed: May 27, 2025.

- (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) ⁴⁵⁸The 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) ⁴⁵⁹Members 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) ⁴⁶⁰The 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,

⁴⁵⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

⁴⁵⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

⁴⁶⁰ 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) ⁴⁶¹based 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,
 - 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%)

⁴⁶¹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

- 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) ⁴⁶²monitor 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) ⁴⁶³Applications 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 15 May via the electronic doctoral admission system.
- (2) ⁴⁶⁴Applications 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:

⁴⁶² Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁴⁶³ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁴⁶⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019

- a) a copy of the Master's degree,
 - b) ⁴⁶⁵proof 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) ^{466a} a proof of payment of the admission procedure fee,
- (4) ⁴⁶⁷In the case of a university degree obtained at a foreign university, unless the document is issued in English, an official Hungarian or English translation of the degree shall be attached to the copy of the original.
- (5) ⁴⁶⁸Transfer requests shall be handled in accordance with the rules of the admission procedure.

Section 13

- (1) ⁴⁶⁹The 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) ⁴⁷⁰the 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.

⁴⁶⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁶⁶ 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.

⁴⁶⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁴⁶⁸ Enacted by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁴⁶⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴⁷⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

- (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.

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) ⁴⁷¹The 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 Academic System.

⁴⁷¹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

- (3) The interruption of the student status shall not affect that training's form of financing.
- (4) ⁴⁷²The management of the DIT, 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 is working abroad,
 - d) 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) ⁴⁷³The 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, with the exception of students specified in Nftv. Section 117/G. In their case, the duration of the suspension may not exceed four semesters.
- (7) ⁴⁷⁴Under 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 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) ⁴⁷⁵
- (2) ⁴⁷⁶
- (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,

⁴⁷² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁴⁷³ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁴⁷⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁴⁷⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴⁷⁶ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

- f) a list of requirements to be fulfilled according to the types of activities they constitute,
 - g) any possible exemptions from attendance of lessons.
- (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 17⁴⁷⁷

- (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 two consecutive active semesters. 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 semester following the semester of the freed-up state-funded spot.
- (4) The doctoral school shall announce a call for applications to fill the freed up Hungarian state scholarship spot. The call for applications includes the criteria for evaluating the applications. The deadline for submitting the applications is November 3 in the autumn semester and April 3 in the spring semester.
- (5) Applications in the doctoral programme can be submitted by self-financed students eligible for a Hungarian state scholarship. The deadline for submitting the applications is November 15 in the autumn semester and April 15 in the spring semester. Applications submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted, and incomplete applications may not be corrected.
- (6) The criteria for assessing the applications and the procedure for their submission shall be decided by the DIT.
- (7) The DIT leadership shall determine whether or not it supports the applications. In the case of the supported applications, it shall rank the applicants and, on this basis, make a recommendation to the Faculty Doctoral Council on reallocation. The Faculty Doctoral Council shall have until January 20 and June 20 in the respective semesters to decide on the reallocations.

⁴⁷⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

- (8) If several state scholarship places are freed up after the applications are assessed, the doctoral school shall make new recommendations for filling them based on the previously submitted applications, which may differ from the previous ranking. The Faculty Doctoral Council shall decide on reallocations by September 30 in the autumn semester and by February 28 in the spring semester.
- (9) If the number of supported applications in the doctoral school falls short of the number of freed up state scholarship places, these places may be handed over within the Faculty for another doctoral school's applications.
- (10) In the event that the vacant spots are filled after the registration period, but by no later than October 14 and March 14 in the autumn and spring semesters, respectively, at the Student's request and the approval of the Dean, the Student's status may be marked active even if they had already registered for a passive status.
- (11) New applications must be submitted for any freed up spot at the doctoral school in each semester. Past application materials and rankings cannot be carried over to the next application period.

Section 17/A⁴⁷⁸

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
 - 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) ⁴⁷⁹the preparation of the study plan in the first semester and its fulfilment in the second and third semesters,

⁴⁷⁸ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

⁴⁷⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

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 based on his/her approved study and research plans under the guidance of the topic supervisor.
- (2) ⁴⁸⁰The 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 credit registration sheet and at 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 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.
- (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

⁴⁸⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

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) ⁴⁸¹The Doctoral Student shall acquire 4 credits by teaching a course if the number of its attendees is at least 5, regardless of its format or number of contact hours. If the number of the course's attendees is less than 5, the doctoral student shall obtain 2 credits for teaching the course instead of 4. 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) ⁴⁸²In the cases of Doctoral Students working as lecturers or instructing lessons at another 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) ⁴⁸³
- (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.

Section 23

- (1) ⁴⁸⁴
- (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.
- (3) ⁴⁸⁵In the event that there are no directed research work or teaching activity credits entered into the Electronic Academic System despite the Student having submitted their credit registration form, or if the Student deems that the directed research work or teaching activity credits entered into the Electronic Academic System should be

⁴⁸¹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁴⁸² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁴⁸³ Repealed by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Repealed: April 17, 2020.

⁴⁸⁴ Repealed by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Repealed: May 27, 2025.

⁴⁸⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

reviewed, they are entitled to submit a complaint within 7 days following the examination period. If the Student fails to meet this deadline, they may only submit any written excuse if the submission of one was prevented by a medical reason proven by a medical note for more than half of the available 7-day period. The assessment of the complaint shall be prepared by the Office. If the Office determines in its assessment that the complaint is justified, it shall take the appropriate measures on its own authority. If it disputes the Student's complaint, it shall refer it to the Faculty Academic Board for a first-instance decision.

Section 23/A⁴⁸⁶

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 or electronically to the Faculty Office, addressed to entity/person exercising the authority in question, with the signature or electronic 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 Academic System.

CHANGING THE DOCTORAL TOPIC

Section 24

- (1) ⁴⁸⁷The 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) ⁴⁸⁸In academically justified cases, the Student may request, even after three semesters following the start of the programme, 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 recommend a new topic supervisor to the PPDT simultaneously to the withdrawal of the Student's original topic supervisor.

FULFILMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS

⁴⁸⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

⁴⁸⁷ Enacted by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁴⁸⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

Section 25

- (1) The Student shall register for the courses serving the fulfilment of the subject requirements in the Electronic Academic System in the course registration period.
- (2) ⁴⁸⁹The 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. Credit registration forms 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.

SUB-COURSE TRAINING AT A FOREIGN INSTITUTION

Section 26

- (1) The Student taking part in sub-course training shall have until the start of the examination period of the semester preceding the one in which he/she will pursue sub-course training 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 sub-course training. During the pursuit of the sub-course training 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 sub-course training are concluded in the same semester or at a later point.

Section 27

- (1) Decisions on the acceptance of students applying for sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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

⁴⁸⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

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) ⁴⁹⁰Study 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.
- (3) ⁴⁹¹The Student shall have until 30 September, after enrolment, to initiate the recognition of their previous credits by submitting a request to the disciplinary doctoral council 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) ⁴⁹²The 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 29⁴⁹³

- (1) The Student shall apply for the comprehensive examination via the Electronic Academic System, attaching the research plan referred to in Section 19 of the present Faculty Regulations, as well as the topic supervisor's assessment and opinion referred to in Section 49 (2) of the University Doctoral Regulations.
- (2) The topic supervisor of the Doctoral Student may be present at the comprehensive examination.
- (3) In special personal circumstances calling for equity, the Student may request the postponement of the comprehensive examination by 5 working days in a written request backed by supporting documents submitted to the Office no later than 72 hours before the start of the examination, in line with Section 52 (4) of the present Regulations. No corrections may be made to any incomplete requests. The decision on postponing the examination shall be made by the chair of the faculty doctoral council. In the case of a postponement, the date of the postponed exam shall be the same as the date of the retake exam.
- (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.
- (5) In order to take the comprehensive examination, the Student must fulfil the subject requirements, earning 84 credits, as laid out in the training plan, as well as earn 24 directed research work credits.
- (6) Following the end of the course registration period, the Office shall check the course registrations of all active doctoral students in their fourth semester, before notifying the

⁴⁹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

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⁴⁹³ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

Students via NEPTUN of the results of the pre-registration, the method of applying for the comprehensive examination, its deadline and any legal consequences of missing the deadline.

- (7) A Student who fails to meet the application deadline may submit a written excuse in accordance with Section 155 of the Academic Regulations for Students. The decision on allowing a late application for the comprehensive examination shall be made by the Dean based on the recommendation of the doctoral school.
- (8) The Student shall be obligated to take part in the examination they are assigned to. If a Student fails to show up for the examination, they may submit a written excuse to the Office by the fifth working day following the last day of the examination period, after which deadline the right to submit one shall be forfeited. Only absences that are due to verifiable external circumstances beyond the student's control can be excused. An excused absence shall be considered a postponed examination. It shall not be mandatory to provide a new examination date due to a postponement, but the Student must be ensured another chance to take the examination in the case of an excused postponement that occurs by the end of the penultimate week of the examination period.
- (9) An applicant who applies in accordance with Section 50 of the present Regulations may take the comprehensive examination in the semester that they apply in provided they submit their application by 1 October in the autumn semester or by 1 March in the spring semester.

THE PROCEDURE AIMED AT THE OBTAINMENT OF THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

Section 30

- (1) ⁴⁹⁴Obtainment 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) ⁴⁹⁵
 - (1b) ⁴⁹⁶
 - (1c) ⁴⁹⁷
 - (1d) ⁴⁹⁸
- (2) ⁴⁹⁹
- (3) ⁵⁰⁰The length and formal requirements of the doctoral dissertation are as follows:
 - a) ⁵⁰¹The 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

⁴⁹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁴⁹⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

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⁵⁰⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution CXXXIV/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.

⁵⁰¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

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) ⁵⁰²The doctoral dissertation must be submitted in one hardbound copy and electronically. 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

- (1) ⁵⁰³The organisation of the research centre disputation shall be initiated by the topic supervisor with the approval of the management of the DIT. The topic supervisor, with the approval of 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) ⁵⁰⁴The 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) ⁵⁰⁵The 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) ⁵⁰⁶A 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 chair of 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

⁵⁰² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

⁵⁰³ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

⁵⁰⁴ Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁵⁰⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁵⁰⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

- (1) ⁵⁰⁷The 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. 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.
- (3) ⁵⁰⁸Simultaneously to the submission of the doctoral dissertation, the Student shall submit to the Office 1 copy and one electronic copy of his/her curriculum vitae, the list of published works, as well as 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 PROCEDURE⁵⁰⁹

Section 33⁵¹⁰

⁵¹¹The 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) ⁵¹²The Assessment Committee shall be composed of its Chair, two official opponents and two other members.
- (2) ⁵¹³Following 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) ⁵¹⁴The official opponents shall be appointed by the Chair of the PPDT following the submission of the dissertation and shall send them the electronic copy of the dissertation.

⁵⁰⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

⁵⁰⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

⁵⁰⁹ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁵¹⁰ 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.

⁵¹¹ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁵¹² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

⁵¹³ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution CCXXXIV/2019. (XI. 11.). Effective November 12, 2019.

⁵¹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

- (4) ⁵¹⁵The 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, an electronic copy of which he/she shall submit to the Office within 15 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 event 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 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.

⁵¹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

- (2) ⁵¹⁶Requests for the reduction of the tuition fee shall be assessed by the Dean taking into account the opinion of the head of the doctoral school.
- (3) The tuition fee shall be paid by 15 October in the autumn semester and by 15 March in the spring semester.

Section 36/A⁵¹⁷

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.

⁵¹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

⁵¹⁷ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective: May 27, 2025.

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					
⁵¹⁸ 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.

⁵¹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

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⁵²⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

ANNEX 6/5
FACULTY DOCTORAL REGULATIONS OF THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES⁵²¹

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

⁵²¹ Introductory paragraph repealed by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

Section 4

- (1) ⁵²²The advised headcount of the Council of the Doctoral School is 8 members.
- (2) Its official members shall be:
 - a) the heads of the doctoral programmes,
 - b) one member delegated by the Doctoral Student Union.
- (3) ⁵²³ 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 for three-year terms at the recommendation of the core members of the Doctoral School and approved by the University Doctoral Council. The members of the Doctoral School Council must meet the criteria required of core members. 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) ⁵²⁴The 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) ⁵²⁵
- (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.

⁵²² Amended by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2025. (X. 13.). Effective October 14, 2025.

⁵²³ Amended by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2025. (X. 13.). Effective October 14, 2025.

⁵²⁴ Enacted by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵²⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Repealed: June 27, 2023.

- (2) ⁵²⁶Organised 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 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) ⁵²⁷Eligibility 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) ⁵²⁸The 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

⁵²⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective 13 December 2021.

⁵²⁷ Enacted by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵²⁸ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

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) ⁵²⁹The 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 school. The Doctoral Students of the admission committee(s) shall be delegated by the competent faculty representation of the University Doctoral Student Council.
- (7) ⁵³⁰The criteria of the admission procedure shall be determined by the TTDT.
- (8) ⁵³¹The entrance examinations shall be organised in May or June of each year, at the time and place specified by the doctoral school.
- (9) ⁵³²The 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) ⁵³³In 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) ⁵³⁴According 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

⁵²⁹ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵³⁰ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵³¹ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵³² Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵³³ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵³⁴ Lettering amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

The TTDT shall publish the rules on the application procedure in the doctoral admission guide and the website of the Doctoral School each year.

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 Academic 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 Academic 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 19⁵³⁵

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

⁵³⁵ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIII/2021. (IV. 28.) . Effective April 27, 2021.

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
 - 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) ⁵³⁶Time 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 of 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

⁵³⁶ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

comprehensive examination, in accordance with the training plan approved following enrolment in the programme.

THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

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) ⁵³⁷
- (4) ⁵³⁸

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

⁵³⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution CLXXI/2021. (IX. 29.). Repealed: September 28, 2021.

⁵³⁸ Repealed by Senate Resolution CLXXI/2021. (IX. 29.). Repealed: September 28, 2021.

academic achievements that their academic works meet at least the assessment criteria of the academic and research phase of the doctoral programme.

- (2) ⁵³⁹The 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) ⁵⁴⁰The 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) ⁵⁴¹The 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) ⁵⁴²The 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) ⁵⁴³Apart 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 Sciences⁵⁴⁴ (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.

⁵³⁹ Established by Senate Resolution LXVII/2024. (V. 27.). Effective May 28, 2024.

⁵⁴⁰ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution LXVII/2024. (V. 27.). Effective May 28, 2024.

⁵⁴¹ Numbering amended by Senate Resolution LXVII/2024. (V. 27.). Effective May 28, 2024.

⁵⁴² Numbering amended by Senate Resolution LXVII/2024. (V. 27.). Effective May 28, 2024.

⁵⁴³ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXI/2021. (IX. 29.). Effective September 28, 2021.

⁵⁴⁴ Act XL of 1994 on the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Section 3 (1) point o)

- (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 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) ⁵⁴⁵The 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) ⁵⁴⁶In 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) ⁵⁴⁷

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

⁵⁴⁵ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁵⁴⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive exam period following the amendment.

⁵⁴⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive exam period following the amendment.

potential applicants who have not participated in preliminary doctoral training. If the 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 final 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 final 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) ⁵⁴⁸one intermediate (B2) English and one intermediate (B2) complex language certificate obtained from any foreign language or one English advanced (C1) complex language certificate.

English-language proficiency shall be certified by: a 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.

Proficiency in the second foreign language (other than English) may also be certified by a so-called PhD language proficiency exam organised by the

⁵⁴⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXII/2025. (IV. 14.). Effective April 15, 2025.

departments of the University's Faculty of Humanities aimed at assessing the candidate's ability to comprehend and process scientific texts in a foreign language.

- e) ⁵⁴⁹
 - 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) ⁵⁵⁰Completion 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) ⁵⁵¹The 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) ⁵⁵²In 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 39⁵⁵³

- (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 Dissertation⁵⁵⁴

Section 40

- (1) ⁵⁵⁵The 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

⁵⁴⁹ Repealed by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. Provision shall not be applied in procedures following its repeal.

⁵⁵⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

⁵⁵¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020. To be applied in procedures after its effective date.

⁵⁵² Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁵⁵³ Amended by Senate Resolution. CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵⁵⁴ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁵⁵⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

electronic versions of the dissertation must be identical. The dissertation's bibliography must include the DOI IDs of the documents referenced wherever possible.

- (2) ⁵⁵⁶Prior 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) ⁵⁵⁷The 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) ⁵⁵⁸Following 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 Procedure⁵⁵⁹

Section 41

- (1) ⁵⁶⁰The 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 final certificate verifying the completion of the doctoral programme,
 - b) the doctoral dissertation and doctoral abstracts pursuant to Section 62 of the EDZS,
 - c) ⁵⁶¹ 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 University⁵⁶² can be taken into account,
 - f) ⁵⁶³
 - g) ⁵⁶⁴a declaration from the applicant that he/she has no pending doctoral procedure in the same academic discipline.

⁵⁵⁶Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

⁵⁵⁷Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after September 1, 2022.

⁵⁵⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

⁵⁵⁹ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁵⁶⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁵⁶¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁵⁶² Rector's Order 6/2012. (II. 23.)

⁵⁶³ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

⁵⁶⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

- (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 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) ⁵⁶⁵In 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.

⁵⁶⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

- (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 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) ⁵⁶⁶The doctoral procedure shall be concluded within one year of the submission of the doctoral dissertation.

The Qualification of the Doctoral Degree

Section 45

- (1) ⁵⁶⁷Following 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".

⁵⁶⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁵⁶⁷ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

- (3) The result of the comprehensive examination shall not count towards the qualification of the doctoral dissertation.
- (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) ⁵⁶⁸The 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) ⁵⁶⁹The 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 the website of the Faculty of Science.
- (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.

⁵⁶⁸ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁵⁶⁹ Last sentence amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

Functions of the Doctoral Council of Sciences

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) ⁵⁷⁰
- (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) ⁵⁷¹The council of the doctoral school is a body comprising the head of the doctoral school, the programme directors, and elected members to which doctoral candidates may delegate one member with voting rights. The Chair of the council is the head of the

⁵⁷⁰ Repealed by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Repealed: June 24, 2025.

⁵⁷¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2025. (X. 13.). Effective October 14, 2025.

doctoral school. The doctoral school may also invite additional members with consultative rights. The council shall consist of 8-18 members, of whom 2-6 shall be external members. The electable members of the council shall be elected by the core members of the doctoral school for five-year terms from among the school's instructors and supervisors. The elected members shall be recommended by the head of the doctoral school.

- (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) ⁵⁷²The 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

⁵⁷²Amended 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 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.

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 Academic 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 Academic 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) ⁵⁷³proficiency in foreign languages.
- (5) ⁵⁷⁴Knowing 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) ⁵⁷⁵The 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

⁵⁷³ Amended by Senate Resolution CCXVIII/2024. (XII. 16.). Effective December 17, 2024.

⁵⁷⁴ Enacted by Senate Resolution LIV/2021. (IV. 28.). Effective April 27, 2021.

⁵⁷⁵ Established by Senate Resolution CLXXI/2021. (IX. 29.). Effective September 28, 2021.

- (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 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 Academic 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 Academic 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 Academic 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 Academic System. The completion and evaluation of the research work shall be verified by the head of the educational programme via the Electronic Academic 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 Academic 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) ⁵⁷⁶The completion of the prescribed academic obligations shall be verified by the final 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.

(18) ⁵⁷⁷

Obtainment of the Doctoral Degree

Section 8

⁵⁷⁸The 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

⁵⁷⁶ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020

⁵⁷⁷ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

⁵⁷⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

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, 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 final certificates in other institutions.

Foreign Language Proficiency

Section 10⁵⁷⁹

- (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

⁵⁷⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

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.
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) ⁵⁸⁰The 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) ⁵⁸¹⁵⁸² 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) ⁵⁸³

THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Section 13

- (1) ⁵⁸⁴The 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

⁵⁸⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive examination period after the amendment.

⁵⁸¹ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁵⁸² 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.

⁵⁸³ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive examination period after the amendment.

⁵⁸⁴ 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.

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.
- (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) ⁵⁸⁵The entry of the material of the dissertation submitted electronically in EDIT system handled by the Central Library, as prescribed by the University Doctoral Regulations, shall be handled by the Doctoral Group.

THE DOCTORAL PROCEDURE AND THE PUBLIC DISPUTATION⁵⁸⁶

Section 14

- (1) ⁵⁸⁷The 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) ⁵⁸⁸The 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.

⁵⁸⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

⁵⁸⁶ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁵⁸⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

⁵⁸⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CXXXVII/2023. (VI. 26.). Effective June 27, 2023.

- (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 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) ⁵⁸⁹⁵⁹⁰The 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) ⁵⁹¹The 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. The deadline for the assessment shall be no more than 90 calendar days. The proposal shall then be submitted to the Faculty Doctoral Council (TDT) for approval or rejection.

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.

⁵⁸⁹ Amended by Senate resolution CCIII/2016. (IX. 26.). Effective September 26, 2016.

⁵⁹⁰ 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.

⁵⁹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution CXCIX/2025. (X. 13.). Effective October 14, 2025.

Titles and Sums of Processing Fees Payable By Doctoral Students

Section 17⁵⁹²

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.

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 Procedure⁵⁹³

Section 19

- (1) ⁵⁹⁴Committee 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) ⁵⁹⁵Member 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

⁵⁹² Section and preceding sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective April 17, 2020.

⁵⁹³ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective. April 17, 2020.

⁵⁹⁴ Introductory text amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective. April 17, 2020

⁵⁹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution CLXXX/2025. (VI. 23.). Effective June 24, 2025.

- (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) ⁵⁹⁶The 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 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) ⁵⁹⁷A 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) ⁵⁹⁸a 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

⁵⁹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

⁵⁹⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

⁵⁹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

- (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 Academic 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 programme and the head of the competent department in the Electronic Academic 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 23⁵⁹⁹

⁵⁹⁹ Section and subsequent sub-heading repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

ANNEX 6/7⁶⁰⁰
DOCTORAL REGULATIONS
OF THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS⁶⁰¹

THE SCOPE OF THE REGULATIONS

Section 1⁶⁰²

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 2⁶⁰³

(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) ⁶⁰⁴The 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 (DIT) 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) Dean of the Faculty,
- b) 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) ⁶⁰⁵The member is recalled based on the decision of the Faculty Council at the recommendation of the GDT.

⁶⁰⁰ 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.

⁶⁰¹ Title amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶⁰² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶⁰³ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶⁰⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶⁰⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

- (3) ⁶⁰⁶If 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) ⁶⁰⁷Those concerned shall be notified of the decisions of the GDT in writing (or via e-mail).
- (7) ⁶⁰⁸A 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 Faculty Office and approved by the chair. Decisions shall be published on the faculty's website.
- (8) ⁶⁰⁹Secretarial 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) ⁶¹⁰proposes 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,

⁶⁰⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶⁰⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶⁰⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶⁰⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶¹⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

1) ⁶¹¹decides 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 7⁶¹²

(1) The head of the doctoral school may be a core member university professor of the doctoral school. 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 (Core Member Body).

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) ⁶¹³monitoring the compilation of the new 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;

⁶¹¹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶¹² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶¹³ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

- i) ⁶¹⁴proposing the budget appropriations of the doctoral school in the faculty's budget.
- (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) ⁶¹⁵The instructors and topic announcers/supervisors 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/researchers who have a public employment status with another university may also be instructors and topic announcers/supervisors, 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. Topic supervisors who have a public employment status with another university or are staff of the research institutes of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences may only work with the doctoral school with a co-topic supervisor status with a maximum contribution of 50%.
- (3) ⁶¹⁶The 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 final 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 final 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) ⁶¹⁷A topic supervisor may take on a maximum of three students at a time.

The Doctoral School Council

⁶¹⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶¹⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶¹⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁶¹⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

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) ⁶¹⁸The delegate of the Doctoral Student Union, who is an active student of the doctoral school of the faculty, shall be an ex-officio member.
- (4) ⁶¹⁹The vice-chair of the DIT and its members not mentioned in subsections (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) ⁶²⁰Under point 2.2 under the Quality Assurance Plan, 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 13⁶²¹

The administrative tasks related to the operation of the doctoral school and the doctoral programme are performed by the Secretariat of Doctoral and Habilitation Affairs operating as part of the Dean's Office at the Faculty of Economics, with the assistance of the Student Affairs and Registrar's Office.

Finances of the Doctoral School

⁶¹⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶¹⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶²⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶²¹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

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

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) ⁶²² 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) ⁶²³ In the case of an individual programme, 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.

⁶²² Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective December 13, 2021.

⁶²³ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

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

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)⁶²⁴ At 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 22⁶²⁵

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.

⁶²⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶²⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

e) ⁶²⁶*Credit points for other academic activities* may be awarded against the credits earned in supervised education 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 and the credits to be awarded for them shall be certified and recommended by the head of the department.

(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.

⁶²⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

- (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) ⁶²⁷In 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) ⁶²⁸

(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 PROCEDURE⁶²⁹

Section 30⁶³⁰

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) ⁶³¹The request for initiating the doctoral procedure along with its annexes are to be submitted to the Student Affairs and Registrar's Office in one electronic and one paper-based copy.

(2) ⁶³²The earliest possible date for the submission of an application for the doctoral procedure is the date of issue of the final certificate.

(3) The Doctoral Student shall attach to the request

a) the doctoral final certificate,

b) proof of foreign language proficiency,

c) a curriculum vitae and a list of publications printed out from the HAS bibliographic database,

d) ⁶³³

e) ⁶³⁴

f) the version of the dissertation finalised on the basis of the research centre disputation,

⁶²⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive examination period after the amendment.

⁶²⁸ Repealed by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). Effective from the first day of the first comprehensive examination period after the amendment.

⁶²⁹ Sub-heading amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁶³⁰ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶³¹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶³² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶³³ Repealed by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Repealed: May 27, 2025.

⁶³⁴ Repealed by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Repealed: May 27, 2025.

g)⁶³⁵

h)⁶³⁶ 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.

(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) ⁶³⁷Two 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) ⁶³⁸The final version of the doctoral dissertation intended for review must be submitted to the Faculty Office in a bound and identical electronic copy in PDF format.

(2) ⁶³⁹The 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

⁶³⁵ Repealed by Senate Resolution CXXXVI/2020. (X. 14.). Effective January 1, 2021.

⁶³⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁶³⁷ Second sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁶³⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶³⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution CCV/2021. (XII. 15.). The DOI IDs must be specified in the bibliography in dissertations submitted after 1 September 2022.

- 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.

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) ⁶⁴⁰In 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.

⁶⁴⁰Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

- (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 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) ⁶⁴¹The doctoral procedure must be completed within one year of the submission of the doctoral dissertation.

Section 36

- (1) ⁶⁴²Following 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.

⁶⁴¹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁶⁴² First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

- (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.
- (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 Academic 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 Academic 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) ⁶⁴³The 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.

Sub-course training at a Domestic University

Section 38

- (1) The student may pursue sub-course training (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 sub-course training based on a course registration request and work programme recommended by the topic supervisor and approved by the GDT.
- (3) Credits obtained during the sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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.

⁶⁴³ First sentence amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

Sub-course training at a Foreign Higher Education Institution

Section 40

- (1) The student may also pursue sub-course training abroad. As part of the sub-course training, 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 abroad can be recognised along the curriculum of the doctoral school. The duration of the sub-course training 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 sub-course training 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) ⁶⁴⁴The 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) ⁶⁴⁵In 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) ⁶⁴⁶The 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.

⁶⁴⁴ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶⁴⁵ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXXI/2021. (V. 31.). Effective August 1, 2021.

⁶⁴⁶ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

- (6) ⁶⁴⁷The 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.
- (2) ⁶⁴⁸Honoraria 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 50,000.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF DEGREES OBTAINED ABROAD

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) ⁶⁴⁹proof 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.
 - i) ⁶⁵⁰the critiques prepared in connection with the final version of the dissertation.
- (3) ⁶⁵¹The GDT may ask for an official translation of the documents listed in points a)-c) of subsection (2) if the original documents were not issued in English and if the Faculty 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) ⁶⁵²Upon receipt of the application, the chair of the GDT will ask a member of the GDT to assess the applicant's publication work against the GSzDI's requirements for obtaining the doctoral degree, and 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.

⁶⁴⁷ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁶⁴⁸ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶⁴⁹ Amended by Senate Resolution XIV/2020. (IV. 16.). Effective from the day Annex 6/7 enters into force.

⁶⁵⁰ Enacted by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶⁵¹ Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

⁶⁵² Amended by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Effective May 27, 2025.

- (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 45⁶⁵³

⁶⁵³ Repealed by Senate Resolution LXXIX/2025. (V. 26.). Repealed: May 27, 2025.