



**PhD study – III. degree of study**

**PRINCIPLES FOR DISSERTATION EXAMINATION**

**Art. 1**

**Application for dissertation examination**

1. PhD student in internal form of study applies for dissertation examination until 18 months, while PhD student in external form until 3 years from the beginning of their studies. Requirement for completion of dissertation examination is a minimum of 90 received credits (according to the credit evaluation of study results).
2. PhD student must submit thesis for dissertation examination along with the application.
3. PhD student has to submit a report of received credits and their structure (appendix 1) to the commission, including proofs supporting respective research activities (according to the credit evaluation of study results).

**Art. 2**

**Thesis for dissertation examination**

1. Thesis for dissertation examination (thesis hereafter) contains elaboration of aims of the dissertation thesis, an outline of theoretical and practical bases of experimental work as well as a current overview of information on the topic and analysis of methodological approach for solution of the study matter of the thesis.
2. Only an expert who does not work in the PhD student's training centre (e.g. at the department, institute, clinic or external educational institution) and does not have joint publications with PhD student can be an opponent of the dissertation examination. The opponent is appointed by the Rector or the Dean on the proposal of the tutor and with the consent of the chairman of the Study program commission (SPC), if the study program takes place at the Faculty without undue delay. The opponent will send an opposing opinion to the chairman of the SPC within 3 weeks after receiving the dissertation or notify the chairman of the SPC within 1 week that he/she cannot elaborate the report.
3. If the written review submitted by the opponent does not meet the formal requirements or provides only vague, subjective or inappropriate evaluation of the thesis, the head of the commission has right to reject the review, return the written review to the opponent for revision or recommend a different opponent.

**Art. 3**

**Commission for dissertation examination**

1. The dissertation examination takes place in front of a committee with at least four members. It consists of a chairman, a supervisor of PhD student, another member of the department outside the university (or outside the faculty, if the PhD study program takes place at the faculty) where the PhD student is working, and an opponent of the dissertation.
2. Head of the commission and other members are approved and named by the dean of the faculty. At least one member of the commission has to be an academic professor or be in



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a function of a professor, or alternatively a researcher with ScD (DrSc.) degree or scientific qualification degree I.

### Art. 4

#### Programme of dissertation thesis

1. Dissertation examination is composed of a part dedicated to a thesis and a part where the PhD student should prove theoretical knowledge of the subjects selected for the dissertation examination.
  - **Introduction of the candidate:** head of the commission evaluates the activities of the PhD student, presents the total number and structure of received credits in study part and research activities including their presentation and publication activities.
  - **Statements of the supervisor:** supervisor objectively evaluates performance of the PhD student, current status and stage of the PhD studies. If the performance is evaluated as unsatisfactory, supervisor has to clarify the matter of fact.
  - **Introduction of the aims of the thesis by the candidate:** PhD student presents respective topics of the dissertation thesis in a presentation composed of:
    - a) an overview of the current knowledge of the topic,
    - b) methodological aspects of the thesis,
    - c) aims of the dissertation thesis,
    - d) associated results obtained so far.
  - **Review of the opponent:** opponents reads the review of the thesis, including the evaluation of the academic level of the thesis, comments and questions for the Ph.D. student and final recommendation.
  - **Discussion of the thesis:** PhD student has to answer any additional questions of the opponent or other members of the commission.
  - **Dissertation examination from selected subjects:** PhD student answers questions related to profile subjects (e.g. compulsory, compulsory optional) asked by members of the commission.

### Art. 5

#### Final evaluation and declaration of the results of dissertation examination

1. Valid decision can be made only if more than half of the members of the commission is present. Decision is reached by the majority of the votes in a private session. In the event of a tie, the head of the commission has a tie-breaking vote.
2. Both parts of the dissertation examination are evaluated a final evaluation of “completed” or “not completed”.