

## FACULTY CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

### DOCTORAL DEGREE IN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY / PHD IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (CATHOLIC)

Based on Resolutions of the Doctoral Studies Commission and the Faculty Doctoral Advisory Board of 29 October 2019

**As a rule:** In general, 20 ECTS points or more (up to 30 ECTS) in curriculum courses are required for the Doctorate in Catholic Theology in the absence of a Licentiate. In the special case of a deficiency in skills which are essential for the dissertation project (DP), up to 60 ECTS may be required.

**Guidelines for Doctoral Degree in Catholic Theology:** Should the candidate already have received a classical theological education (with Diploma), 20 to 25 ECTS will be required. In the absence of licentiate studies (e.g., university or achievement in research) or in the case of a Licentiate which is not related to the dissertation project, up to 30 ECTS in the subject of the dissertation project may be required.

**Guidelines for PhD in Theological Studies:** ECTS points will only be required in the case of a previous academic degree (Diploma, Master's Degree, Licentiate) which is not related to the topic of the dissertation project, or in the case of a deficiency in skills which are essential for the dissertation project (especially languages). The previous regulation remains in effect concerning the acceptability of interdisciplinary projects proposed by a candidate not having previous basic theological studies.

#### REQUIREMENTS according to OFFER OF ADMISSION (= up to 30 ECTS)

- **Credit of "surpluses" from previous theological studies:** Courses in the subject of the dissertation project can receive full credit; other theological courses can be considered at half value or as 10 ECTS towards the prerequisite amount.
  - **DP-relevant requirements:** In the case of academic work (Diploma, Master's Degree) in other subjects, at least two seminars in the topic of the dissertation project must be attended if they have not already been completed (especially research seminars: seminars which are only open to those in the second half of a Diploma, Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree).
  - **DP-supporting requirements:** Currently-existing or newly-designed courses for doctoral candidates (Doctoral Workshop, Seminar in Scientific Texts [English/German]).
  - **Academic competencies:** According to the listed academic requirements (see below: Modules II and III)
- In the Notice of Requirements, the responsible Doctoral Studies Program Committee determines **which requirements must be fulfilled before the faculty-wide public presentation** of the dissertation project (= necessarily including requirements relevant to the dissertation project)

#### ACADEMIC PREREQUISITES according to CURRICULUM

(= 20 ECTS, freely negotiable, but at least 10 ECTS from module I and at least 10 ECTS from Module II and/or III)

##### MODULE I: SPECIALIZATION IN THE DISSERTATION SUBJECT/THEOLOGICAL MINOR SUBJECT

1. Presentation of a synopsis or a portion of the dissertation project at a **doctoral workshop** for the dissertation subject or in a Doctoral School, ideally as a preparation for the faculty-wide public presentation, and/or DR "Biography and Theology" (max. 8 ECTS)
2. **(Research) seminars** relevant to the dissertation project in the dissertation subject or in the theological minor subject (max. 10 ECTS)

##### MODULE II: PARTICIPATION IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

3. **Scientific publication** (review, article, contribution, monograph or similar) (max. 8 ECTS)
4. Organization or active participation in a **scientific event** (max. 6 ECTS)
5. Active participation in the interdisciplinary seminar "Issues and topics of current theological research" (6 ECTS)

##### MODULE III: TEACHING

6. **Independent teaching** or relevant contribution to a **course** or completion of a course/seminar in **university teaching didactics** (max. 6 ECTS)

The fulfillment of these requirements will be monitored by the Doctoral Studies Program with respect to the issuing of the credits, after the faculty-wide public presentation, and especially according to the Dissertation Agreement. The aim of the dissertation project is a **scientific publication**. If no publication can be confirmed before the thesis defense and there has been no commitment from any publisher to publish the dissertation, its online accessibility must be guaranteed.

**Temporary regulation:** For all students admitted before 1 October 2019, the previous regulations still apply. For students who do not yet have a Dissertation Agreement, the additional requirements (see above) will be arranged in the Dissertation Agreement.