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## **Rector's Decree No. 49/2023 on the conditions of study in doctoral study programmes**

*(Translation to English)*

### **European Research University**

#### **Part One Introductory provisions**

##### **Article 1**

1. Study in doctoral study programmes at the European Research University shall be governed by the special provisions of the Study and Examination Regulations of the European Research University.
2. This Decree regulates, in accordance with the provisions of the Study and Examination Regulations of the European Research University some specific conditions of study in doctoral study programmes realized at the European Research University (ERUNI).

#### **Part Two Conditions of study in doctoral study programmes**

##### **Article 2 Individual study plan and course of study**

1. In accordance with the Study and Examination Regulations of the European Research University, the course of study in doctoral study programmes is governed by an individual study plan, which is binding and its implementation is obligatory.
2. The individual study plan determines the timing of studies and professional scientific activities and reflects the student's preferences and focus in the choice of compulsory elective courses.
3. The individual study plan includes compulsory courses and compulsory elective courses so that the student obtains a total of at least 180 credits. It always includes the Dissertation Seminar and the State Doctoral Examination. A minimum of 20 credits is required for advancement to the second year and a minimum of 40 credits for advancement to the third year of the study.





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## Article 3

### Student's creative activity

1. The student's creative activity is expressed in the activities leading to the elaboration, submission and defence of the dissertation thesis. The doctoral dissertation thesis must be characterized by the complexity and sophistication of the treatment of the topic, the use of an appropriately defined methodology, objectivity, clear argumentation and conclusions with high added value and originality of the results presented. It must respect the principles of ethics of scientific work.
2. Preparation of the dissertation thesis is carried out within the activities of the course Dissertation Seminar.

## Article 4

### Dissertation seminar

1. The Dissertation Seminar course is assessed by 40 credits. The credit evaluation of professional scientific activities, especially publications, counted within the dissertation seminar is given in the following table.
2. In the case of circumstances worthy of special consideration, the degree programme guarantor may, usually on the proposal of the supervisor and always with the approval of the Doctoral Board by a majority of all members, set or recognise other criteria for a particular student, which the student demonstrates his/her creative activity in the field of dissertation preparation. However, these must be capable of international comparison and must lead to original, respected and recognised results, i.e. they must be equivalent in type to the standard criteria set out in the table below.

Content of the dissertation seminar		
Activity	number of credits.	Terms and Conditions
Publication activity	20	1x article in a foreign journal indexed in Web of Science (WoS) in Q1 or Q2 with an author share of at least 30% affiliated with ERUNI
	or	1x monographic professional publication with author's share of at least 30%, affiliated to ERUNI, published in a prestigious and recognized publishing house abroad. At the same time, it is necessary to fulfil the condition of one active participation in a recognized international scientific conference abroad. <i>The acceptability of this type of result is assessed by the guarantor of the study programme after discussion in the Board of Studies.</i>
	Alternatively	2x article in a foreign journal indexed in WoS or Scopus with an author share of at least 50% affiliated with ERUNI. Publications must be in different journals. <i>The acceptability of this type of result is assessed by the guarantor of the study programme after discussion in the Board of Studies.</i>
	Alternatively	3 times an article in a WoS or Scopus indexed journal with an author share of at least 50% for two of these publications and 100% for one publication and 3





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		times active participation in a recognized international scientific conference. All affiliated to ERUNI. At least two journal outputs must be in different journals and at least two conferences must be from different organisers and at least one of the conferences must be held abroad. <i>The acceptability of this type of result is assessed by the guarantor of the study programme after discussion in the Board of Studies.</i>
	Alternatively	1x monographic scientific publication with 100% ERUNI-affiliated authorship, published by a recognized publishing house with a scientific board in the country and containing original internationally recognized results assessed by at least two reviewers. The monograph must meet the criteria for a doctoral dissertation in terms of scope and content. Typically, it is, for example, a scholarly book published on the basis of a scholarship from the Josef Hlávka Institute of National Economy. At the same time, it is necessary to meet the condition of one active participation in an international scientific conference abroad. <i>The acceptability of this type of result is assessed by the guarantor of the study programme after discussion in the Board of Studies.</i>
Project activity	10	Participation in an international scientific project (according to the NAU – National Accreditation Bureau methodology Type A)
	or	Participation in a national scientific project (according to the NAU methodology Type B, e.g. from GAČR – Czech Science Foundation, TAČR funds) and at the same time management of the internal ERUNI internal project.
	Alternatively	Leading an ERUNI internal project and at the same time being a member of the team of the second ERUNI internal project and at the same time submitting a high quality project to the calls of renowned agencies (e.g. GAČR, TAČR), especially to those grant schemes that are intended for junior or novice scientists. At the same time, it is necessary to demonstrate collaboration with a doctoral student at a reputable research institution abroad. <i>The acceptability of this type of result is assessed by the guarantor of the study programme after discussion in the Board of Studies.</i>
Other activities	10	Participation in a summer school abroad in an area related to the topic of the dissertation, especially the methods used. Each day of the summer school and demonstrated professional participation in its activities is awarded one credit point.
	or	Teaching within the Bachelor's or Master's degree programmes at ERUNI in subjects related to the area of the dissertation. This teaching is supervised and evaluated by the supervisor in collaboration with the Vice-Rector for Studies. Each 4 hours (45 minutes) of instruction is assessed at one credit point. Instruction in English is assessed at double credit points.

## Article 5

### State Doctoral Examination and Doctoral Dissertation Thesis

1. The State Doctoral Examination is a public scientific debate over three subjects. Two of them, which are basic theoretical subjects, are a compulsory part of the state doctoral examination





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and one subject is chosen by the student from the subjects of the profiling basis of study. The state doctoral examination also includes a compulsory dissertation thesis defence.

2. The aim of the State Doctoral Examination is to test the student's ability to think critically and scientifically in the chosen subjects with regard to the chosen topic of the dissertation.
3. The student may take the state doctoral examination only after completing all compulsory and two compulsory elective courses and after obtaining a minimum of 115 credits.
4. The student submits a thesis of 15-20 standard pages in the following structure:
  - a) Introduction
  - b) Aim and structure of the dissertation
  - c) Theoretical background of the dissertation
  - d) Current state of knowledge of the issue under study
  - e) Methodology
  - f) Published and unpublished results to date
  - g) Conclusion
  - h) List of references

## **Article 6**

### **Defence of the dissertation thesis**

1. A prerequisite for the public defence of the dissertation is the submission of professional results of creative and other activities, the validation of which is carried out within the activities of the Dissertation Seminar course according to Article 4.
2. The dissertation defence is governed by the provisions of the Study and Examination Regulations of the European Research University. The Rector does not set any other conditions for the defence of the dissertation.

## **Part Three Final provisions**

### **Article 7**

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its publication on the official ERUNI notice board and shall take effect on the day following the date of publication.

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