



**Information sheet about the form**  
**‘Application to the Doctoral Committee of the Faculty of Humanities for**  
**Acceptance as a Doctoral Candidate’**

- [1] The form can be used for **Cotutelle Procedures** as well. You will find information on the Cotutelle Procedure at <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/492764.html> [‘Bi-national Doctoral Programmes (Cotutelle)’] of the Student and Academic Services at the University of Göttingen.
- [2] Please make sure you inform the examination office if there is any change to your **postal or e-mail address**. Moreover, be aware that the University may send you information via the **stud.uni-goettingen address** assigned to you during enrolment.
- [3] Which doctoral subject can be chosen within the framework of which **doctoral programme** can be found in the overview ‘The Doctoral Programmes and Doctoral Subjects of the Faculty of Humanities’ (<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/209402.html>). The doctoral programmes are structured, i.e. modules amounting to at least 24 credits must be completed during the course of the doctoral studies in accordance with Annex Ia of the Doctoral Degree Regulations and the separately published list of modules before applying for admission to the doctoral examination. The doctoral certificate shall indicate both the doctoral programme and the chosen doctoral subject. In addition, a certificate of the completed modules will be issued.
- [4] An **individual doctorate** is possible in any subject. The latter is shown on the doctoral certificate. No further certificates are issued, as this is not a modularised course of study and therefore no modules are completed.
- [5] Which doctoral subjects can be chosen within the **doctoral programme ‘Behavior and Cognition’** can be found in the overview ‘The doctoral programmes and doctoral subjects of the Faculty of Humanities’. This doctoral programme is a programme offered jointly by the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Biology and Psychology with the participation of the German Primate Center. Its aim is developing young academics on the field of basics and evolution of the behavior of nonhuman primates and human beings. The doctoral programme is intended for graduates of relevant humanistic study programmes. The Faculty of Biology and Psychology offers a doctoral course of study of the same name in whose framework research projects with scientific focus can be explored. Both, programme and course of study, share an interdisciplinary modularized doctoral study system under the management of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology.
- Contrary to the courses of study (see [3]) in the framework of the doctoral programme ‘Behavior and Cognition’ students have to complete **modules in an extent of 20 credits in total**.
- Both the doctoral programme and the chosen doctoral subject are indicated on the doctoral certificate. In addition, a certificate of the completed modules is issued.
- [6] Regarding the **exam language of the doctoral programme ‘Behavior and Cognition’**: Contrary to §§ 11 sect. 3 sent. 1, 17 sect. 2 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations of the Faculty of Humanities the language of thesis and oral examination is English. Upon request the oral examination may be conducted in German (§ 5 Behavior and Cognition Progr. Reg.).
- [7] Regarding the **exam language of the structured doctoral courses of study and the individual doctorate**: As a rule the exam language is German or English. The examination may also be conducted in a language approved for the research area according to appendix I of the Doctoral Degree Regulations. This applies also to oral examinations in courses of study as long as they are conducted in the field of the same research area.

In addition to German and English, the examination languages listed below are permitted in the following research areas:

**a) French:**

Didactics of the French Language and Literature  
Didactics of the Italian Language and Literature  
Didactics of the Spanish Language and Literature  
Classical Archaeology (only written examination)  
Romanic Philology (French Literature Studies)

Romanic Philology (French Linguistics)  
Romanic Philology (Ibero-Romanic Literature Studies)  
Romanic Philology (Ibero-Romanic Linguistics)  
Romanic Philology (Italian Literature Studies)  
Romanic Philology (Italian Linguistics)  
Romanic Philology (Romanic Literature Studies)  
Romanic Philology (Romanic Linguistics)

**b) Italian:**

Didactics of the French Language and Literature  
Didactics of the Italian Language and Literature  
Didactics of the Spanish Language and Literature  
Classical Archaeology (only written examination)  
Romanic Philology (French Literature Studies)  
Romanic Philology (French Linguistics)

Romanic Philology (Ibero-Romanic Literature Studies)  
Romanic Philology (Ibero-Romanic Linguistics)  
Romanic Philology (Italian Literature Studies)  
Romanic Philology (Italian Linguistics)  
Romanic Philology (Romanic Literature Studies)  
Romanic Philology (Romanic Linguistics)

### c) Portuguese:

Didactics of the French Language and Literature  
 Didactics of the Italian Language and Literature  
 Didactics of the Spanish Language and Literature  
 Romanic Philology (French Literature Studies)  
 Romanic Philology (French Linguistics)  
 Romanic Philology (Ibero-Romanic Literature Studies)

Romanic Philology (Ibero-Romanic Linguistics)  
 Romanic Philology (Italian Literature Studies)  
 Romanic Philology (Italian Linguistics)  
 Romanic Philology (Romanic Literature Studies)  
 Romanic Philology (Romanic Linguistics)

### d) Spanish:

Didactics of the French Language and Literature  
 Didactics of the Italian Language and Literature  
 Didactics of the Spanish Language and Literature  
 Linguistic Anthropology and Indigenous American Studies  
 Romanic Philology (French Literature Studies)  
 Romanic Philology (French Linguistics)

Romanic Philology (Ibero-Romanic Literature Studies)  
 Romanic Philology (Ibero-Romanic Linguistics)  
 Romanic Philology (Italian Literature Studies)  
 Romanic Philology (Italian Linguistics)  
 Romanic Philology (Romanic Literature Studies)  
 Romanic Philology (Romanic Linguistics)

- [8] At the link <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/prüfungsberechtigte/534905.html> you will find an overview of possible **supervisors of the Faculty of Humanities**.
- [9] According to § 12 sec. 3 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations of 2015 **retired professors or professors granted leave of access** may not act as evaluators or examiners in the doctoral process for a period longer than three years after the end of their tenure. The Doctoral Committee will decide on exceptions upon receipt of an application in this respect; exceptions should be approved in particular if the professor continues to engage in research or teaching. This can also mean, that authorized examiners, whose time in retirement exceeds the 3 year limit only in the course of the doctoral process, will have to submit an application for maintaining the authorization to conduct the examination. The existence of the supervisory relationship alone does not suffice at that stage.
- [10] Regarding **structured courses of study** the Thesis Committee comprises at least three members (§ 6 I 1 Doct. Degr. Reg.).
- This also applies to the **doctoral programme 'Behavior and Cognition'**. Moreover, at least two members – among them the first supervisor - must belong to the doctoral course of study 'Behavior and Cognition' of the Faculty of Biology and Psychology. (§ 4 Behavior & Cognition Progr. Reg.)
- As to the **individual unstructured doctorate**, the Thesis Committee comprises at least two members (§ 6 I 1 Doct. Degr. Reg.).
- [11] About **relevant prior degree programmes**:  
 Applicants must submit suitable degree certificates as proof of successful completion of at least a Master, Diplom or Magister degree programme, an equivalent degree programme leading to a State Examination, or an equivalent course of study at a university belonging to a Bologna signatory state. The standard course length of the prior degree programme must be at least eight semesters; a consecutive Master degree programme or equivalent course of study must last at least one year and produce an aggregate course length of no less than eight semesters. (§ 4 sec. 1 sent. 1-2 Doct. Degr. Reg.)
- [12] For the **conversion of final grades**, please contact the respective supervisor or the subject study advisor of the subject.
- [13] About **English language skills required for the doctoral programme 'Behavior and Cognition'**: Applicants whose mother tongue is not English must show adequate English language skills. Adequate English language skills should be proven through minimum performance in an internationally recognised test or equivalent tests:
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English at least with the grade "B";
  - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English at least with the grade "C";
  - IELTS Academic (International English Language Testing System), at least band 6;
  - internet-based test of "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL iBT): at least 80 points;
  - written test of "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL PBT): at least 550 points;
  - CEF ("Common European Framework"): at least C1-certificate;
  - UNlcertF: at least level III;
  - successful completion of a degree programme held in English.
- In general, successful completion of a test according to sentence 2 letters a) to g) must not be over three years prior to receipt of application for entry to this doctoral programme. The obligation to pass a test need not be met by applicants with at least two years spent studying or working abroad in an English-speaking country within the last three years prior to submitting the application for admission. (§ 2 II Behavior and Cognition Progr. Reg.)
- [14] Applicants, who were **not enrolled at the University of Göttingen earlier**, can submit the **'Doctoral agreement'** within three months after being accepted as doctoral candidate.