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Appendix 14 Specialist regulations for the doctoral study programme 'Behaviour and cognition' (BeCog)

A. Special responsibilities

The duties of the examination committee as defined in this regulation are discharged by the programme committee, convened in each case in accordance with the provisions of the regulation on assessment of particular suitability for the doctoral study programme in behaviour and cognition in its valid version.

B. Special terms

1. Duration of the doctoral process:

The research work should have been completed within three years following admission with submission of the dissertation. A six-month extension on this period can be granted respectively on up to four occasions, as ruled upon by the responsible programme committee on the basis of a written and reasoned application by the doctoral candidate.

2. Cumulative dissertation

b. § 10 section 5 sentence 1 notwithstanding, it is ruled that in the event of a cumulative dissertation, at least one publication must have been accepted by a peer review academic journal for publication, at least one further article must have been submitted to a peer review academic journal for publication and that the doctoral candidate must be lead author in at least two articles. It is ruled furthermore that the summarised presentation of the topics dealt with must account for a substantial portion of the dissertation manuscript; this shall be apportioned an inherent significance in the review of the dissertation.

b. Unlike in § 10 section 5 sentence 1, the instructor may provide confirmation that the publications account for the substantial part of the scientific work.

3. Form of the oral examination

Contrary to § 16 section 1, the oral defense takes place in English or, on application of the candidate for examination, in the German language. The programme committee must be informed if an oral defense shall be conducted in German.

C. Proof of examination prerequisites

Over the course of the doctoral degree programme, proof of examination prerequisites must be provided through the successful completion of the following modules in a scope equivalent with a total of at least 20 credits (C):

- P.BeCog.1 Forschung lernen und reflektieren (4 C, 4 SWH)
- P.BeCog.2 Fachliche und methodische Grundlagen (4 C, 4 SWH)
- P.BeCog.3 Wissenschaftliche Lehre (4 C, 4 SWH)
- P.BeCog.4 Wissenschaftliche Kommunikation (4 C)
- P.BeCog.5 Schlüsselqualifikationen (4 C, 2-4 SWH)

On application, the thesis committee may approve that other courses may be attended in place of the modules listed above, provided they are essentially equivalent with the aforementioned modules in terms of the competencies that shall be acquired.