

## Doctoral programme

Duration of studies: 4 semesters

### A Doctoral Programme

is a higher qualification based on an officially recognised programme of study, subsequent to a Diploma and Master Degree, which serves the further development of individual self-directed academic work, as well as the training, education and support of students studying for lower degrees.

### A Dissertation (Doctoral theses)

is a piece academic work which, in contrast to a Diploma or Master's Thesis, represents proof of an ability to deal independently with questions relating to scientific issues. The topic for the dissertation should be based on one of the examination subjects required by the doctorate programme, or should have a meaningful relevance to one of these subjects. If the study of a particular topic requires funding or the use of an institute's materials and equipment, the head of the respective institute must be informed in advance. During the following month during the allocation of resources can be refused on the grounds that it would significantly disrupt the teaching or research work of the institute. While working on the dissertation and fulfilling teaching responsibilities related to students, due attention must be given to copyright regulations (Urheberrechtsgesetzes, BGBl. Nr. 111/1936). The completed dissertation will be assessed by two teachers from the university.

### The class credits required for a Doctorate

A list of classes has to be agreed at the start of the study programme with the tutor or professor responsible for giving guidance on the dissertation. Any changes to the list must also be agreed with the tutor.

### Entrance Requirements

Applicants must prove that they fulfil the general university requirements necessary to study for a Doctorate. This can be a certificate of the successful completion of an appropriate Diploma or Master's Degree at a university, or an appropriate 'Fachhochschul' Diploma or Master's qualification, or another comparable course of study at a recognised tertiary educational establishment within Austria or abroad.

### Foreign Qualification Certificates

must be authorised\* by the appropriate authorities of the country where they are issued and further certified by the official representatives of the Austrian state. Authorised German translations of foreign language certificates must also be submitted. A translation made abroad must be officially authorised and similarly certified by representatives of the Austrian state. According to international agreements, the certificates from some states require only simplified authorisation, or possibly none at all. Under these circumstances, permission to study can only be granted when the authenticity, validity and comparability of the qualification (the certificate) is proven. Furthermore, **the specific entrance requirements for a particular course of study must also be fulfilled, as well as establishing the right to immediate admission to the respective Doctorate programme or the right to continue studying for a Doctorate during the current semester at a university in the country (not applicable to EU or EEA citizens) where the certificate was issued.**

### Proof of German language skills

People for whom German is not their first language must prove their ability in German, according to the extent to which this is necessary to successfully pursue their studies. Specifically, competence can be proved by submitting a certificate relating to German training. If no such certificate is available, the Rector of the university requires that an appropriate course is completed prior to the applicant being accepted.

\* Further details: <http://www.ufg.ac.at/uploads/media/2-1-4-07beglaubigung.pdf>

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