

## FBW Addendum to UGent-OERD 2023-2024

At the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, the Doctoral Committee of the Faculty (FDOC) is appointed to process the administrative steps and give advice to the Scientific Research Committee (CWO) and to the Faculty Council regarding general policy aspects, the monthly approval of new PhD applications, applications for joint PhD agreements, small changes in the doctoral registration (change of supervisors or diploma title) and the composition of doctoral examination boards. The FDOC is composed of ZAP representatives, representatives from the PHD students and Faculty Student Administration (FSA). The FDOC composition strives towards gender balance and towards a representation of the different research disciplines of the faculty.

The FDOC and the Council of the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering approve the faculty-specific regulation that should be considered a supplement to the general regulations that are included in the current 'Education and Examination Code for Doctoral Matters'.

### **Article 13 Application for the first enrolment for the doctorate and the doctoral training programme**

#### Par. 5

The Faculty of Bioscience Engineering distinguishes between two types of candidate PhD students:

- Type 1: holder of a relevant MSc degree or Bachelor of Honours degree. Unless requested by the promotor, these students are not obliged to follow a mandatory curriculum in order to be accepted for registration as doctoral candidate. The FDOC assesses whether the MSc diploma of the candidate is relevant for the doctoral research project. In cases of doubt, the FDOC will interact with the supervisor(s) (in writing or during a meeting) to elaborate on the upfront knowledge of the candidate; when deemed necessary a mandatory study program can be proposed to the candidate.

- Type 2: holder of a non-relevant MSc or Bachelor of Honours degree or relevant Bachelor degree of minimal four years

Bsc: 30 ECTS

Niet-relevante MSC: afhankelijk van compatibiliteit van opleiding plichtpakket tussen 18-30 ECTS.

For these students, a mandatory study program, consisting of 30 ECTS credits should be finished during the first year (or equivalent period which allows two full examination possibilities) after the first enrolment for the doctorate and the doctoral training, in order to be allowed to the doctoral examination. The Faculty Student Administration will check whether the compulsory program has been successfully finished by timely contacting the promotor and PhD student.

The mandatory programme of 30 ECTS credits is proposed by the Faculty Board through the promotor and following advice from the Faculty Doctoral Commission. For Type 2 PhD students, performing a joint PhD, the mandatory program should be defined in the contract between both institutions involved in the PhD.

The programme of 30 ECTS credits should consist of regular course units (excluding MSc thesis) listed in the Course Catalogue of Ghent University or courses considered as equivalent if followed at other institutes.

If the PhD candidate wishes to finish the doctoral training and receive the doctoral training certificate, s/he should fulfil besides the imposed programme also all other requirements as stipulated by the regulation of the doctoral training programme of Ghent University.

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### **Article 26 Submission of the doctoral dissertation and enrolment for the doctoral examination**

#### par. 1

The Faculty of Bioscience Engineering imposes a publication criterion prior to submission of the PhD manuscript and doctoral exam registration.

Mag geen zijlijn project zijn. Moet rechtstreeks volgen uit PhD research.

At the time of submission, the candidate should have at least one international publication accepted in a peer-review WoS listed journal or have a submitted patent or have a breeder's rights.

The Faculty of Bioscience Engineering makes use of the UGent Plato platform (<http://plato.bw.ugent.be>) to provide the administrative information regarding the PhD dissertation, the intended doctoral diploma title, the publication criterion, supervisor agreement, examination board and defense dates.

#### **Article 28 The Doctoral Examination**

par. 1

- At the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, the internal defence may not exceed 3 hours, including the deliberation.

#### **Article 29. The Examination Board's first assessment of the dissertation**

Par. 3

The deliberation will result in one of the appraisals below:

1. admission to the second part of the examination (public defence of the dissertation);
2. admission to the second part, after the doctoral student has revised the dissertation. The Examination Board will see to it that this revision is feasible within a reasonable time span determined by the Board. *At the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, this time span is at least 1 month and may not exceed 6 months.* The chair of the Examination Board and the supervisor(s) of the dissertation together will make sure that the required corrections are made. If this is not the case, or if the corrections do not meet the required standards, the Examination Board may yet decide to deny the student access to the second part of the doctoral examination;
3. no admission to the second part of the examination. *At the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, the PhD candidate may only resubmit a new (improved) dissertation at the earliest one year after the date of the decision of the Examination Board not to admit the candidate to the second part of the examination. In this case, the full procedure of the doctoral exam needs to be followed anew. This decision is in principle only taken if the candidate was given a Decision 2 (major revision) in a previous examination committee meeting.*