

REGULATION

on doctoral study and doctoral degrees at the University of Iceland School of Humanities

CHAPTER I

General provisions.

Article 1

Doctoral study at the School of Humanities.

It is possible to take doctoral studies at the School of Humanities in those subjects for which the relevant faculty and the School of Humanities deem the necessary facilities and specialist knowledge to be available, on the condition that the School board has approved the programme, cf. Chapter XII of the Regulation for the University of Iceland no. 569/2009. The objective of a doctoral programme is to provide doctoral students with extensive and solid training in research, enable them to conduct independent academic work, acquire new knowledge and communicate it. By writing a doctoral thesis, students demonstrate their competency and knowledge, as provided for in greater detail by Article 11.

The Regulation on doctoral study and doctoral degrees at the School of Humanities is established in accordance with Articles 47, 68 and 70 of the Regulation for the University of Iceland no. 569/2009 and *Criteria and requirements for the quality of doctoral studies at the University of Iceland*, approved by the University Council 3 May 2012.

The University of Iceland Graduate School shall oversee and follow up established standards and requirements for the quality of postgraduate studies at the University of Iceland, cf. Article 66 of the Regulation for the University of Iceland no. 569/2009.

Doctoral students and their supervisors are required to familiarise themselves with rules about doctoral studies at the University of Iceland and *Criteria and requirements for the quality of doctoral studies at the University of Iceland*, and are responsible for complying with them.

Article 2

Doctoral studies committee.

The School of Humanities doctoral studies committee comprises the chairs of the faculty postgraduate study committees, a doctoral student representative and the School dean, who shall also chair the committee. The School of Humanities research manager is the committee's secretary. Project managers within the faculties and the Centre for Research in the Humanities shall assist the committee as needed. Representatives from the Graduate School are invited to committee meetings as necessary. The committee shall consult the relevant department or faculty in all academic matters as appropriate. The committee may invite a faculty/department representative to attend a meeting in order to discuss matters regarding individual doctoral projects. One representative on the committee from each faculty shall act as the contact for doctoral student, doctoral committees and other faculty parties involved in doctoral studies.

The School of Humanities research manager is the contact between the School and the Graduate School for matters relating to doctoral students, under the authority of the committee chair.

The School of Humanities doctoral studies committee shall oversee doctoral studies within the School and ensure consistency in workloads and criteria, requirements and responsibilities that make up programmes and their structures. Following an academic discussion within the faculty/department in question, the committee shall discuss and process applications in accordance with Article 5 of this Regulation. The committee shall approve study and research plans and changes thereof, confirm choices of supervisor and others on doctoral committees and also choices of special tutors where appropriate. The committee shall receive and discuss theses once they have been deemed ready for defence by a doctoral committee. The committee shall ensure that the student's academic record is satisfactory in accordance with registration in the University student IT system. In accordance with the nominations of the faculty in question, the doctoral studies committee shall appoint opponents, receive their verdicts and follow up on requirements for improvement, should there be any. The committee shall also perform any other tasks regarding doctoral studies the School dean or School board may assign it.

If the committee disagrees on how to handle a matter relating to an individual doctoral project, the representative of that faculty at which the project is being completed may require the matter to be referred to the faculty for further discussion. The matter shall be referred back to the doctoral studies committee after the faculty's discussion. The doctoral studies committee shall make the final decision on the matter.

Article 3

General admission requirements.

Upon completion of a Master's degree with a first class grade, or an equivalent qualification, a student may apply for admission to a doctoral programme in the subject in which the Master's degree was taken. A student who has completed a Master's degree or other equivalent qualification in a different subject than the proposed subject for the doctoral studies, from another University of Iceland faculty or another university with the equivalent of a first class grade, may apply for admission to a doctoral programme. In such cases, the doctoral studies committee, in consultation with the department/faculty and prospective supervisor, shall assess information on the applicant's studies and research.

Before a final decision can be taken on an application, the proposed supervisor must have agreed to fulfil the role. A student may directly contact the head of department or head of subject (head of Faculty in the case of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies) for assistance in finding a supervisor.

If the preparation of a prospective doctoral student is not equivalent to the preparation afforded by a Master's degree in the field, the doctoral studies committee (if it otherwise accepts the application) shall set requirements for further study as necessary in consultation with the department/faculty and prospective supervisor. The doctoral student shall generally meet these requirements by completing courses and/or individual projects in the specialist field in question. Such additional or preliminary requirements must be recorded in the University student IT system. The supervisor shall determine when the doctoral candidate has satisfied these preliminary requirements and ensure this information is recorded in the student IT system.

Students wishing to commence a doctoral programme directly after completing a Master's degree may apply before they obtain their degrees if the faculty in question can

confirm that they are likely to complete their programmes with a satisfactory level of performance by the end of the current semester. If an application is accepted on this condition, the student may commence doctoral studies. However, if the condition has not been met after one semester of the doctoral programme the student shall not be permitted to continue. The academic record for the doctoral programme is then closed in the University student IT system with no credits registered, and the student must apply again if he or she wishes to pursue the programme.

A faculty member of academic staff may not be admitted to a doctoral programme within that faculty.

Article 4

Application deadline.

The application deadline for doctoral programmes at the School of Humanities, for students wishing to enrol in the autumn semester, is 15 April for students within the EEC and 1 February for students outside of the EEC. The application deadline for enrolment in the spring semester is 15 October. Applications for admission to doctoral study may be accepted at other times in exceptional circumstances.

Article 5

Processing of applications.

Applications must be submitted to the University of Iceland Student Registration using a special electronic form available on the University website. Applications to doctoral programmes must be accompanied by certified transcripts of degree certificates and previous academic records, if the applicant studied elsewhere than the University of Iceland. Applications must also include a general description of the research project, its aims and research questions, the student's academic reasons for undertaking the project, as well as a draft plan for the organisation of study, i.e. study plan.

The School of Humanities office reviews applications and ensures that the required information is enclosed. Applications shall then be sent to the relevant department/faculty, which shall discuss them subjectively and submit a proposal to the doctoral studies committee as to whether they should be accepted or rejected. The department/faculty may demand a sample of essays by the applicant if this is thought necessary. In case of differences of opinion the doctoral studies committee shall consult with the head of faculty concerning the processing of applications. The Graduate School shall confirm all admissions, cf. Article 66 of the Regulation for the University of Iceland no. 569/2009.

Applications shall generally have been processed and answered in writing within six weeks following the application deadline, or following the day it was received if permission was given for an application to be submitted at another time. An application shall be accepted or rejected on the basis of the applicant's academic foundation and an academic assessment of the research project, the facilities and specialist knowledge within the faculty, and other factors (e.g. funding) which the faculty considers relevant if the prospective doctoral project is to meet set requirements, cf. Article 3. Students may only be accepted into doctoral programmes offered by the School's faculties, cf. specific faculty rules below.

Annual registration and payment of the registration fee are necessary prerequisites for commencing or continuing study.

Article 6

Number of credits and length of study.

Doctoral programmes at the School of Humanities are a minimum of 180 credits. However, it is possible to organise a doctoral programme of up to 240 credits following a Master's degree, cf. further provisions in the specific faculty rules below. The length of a 180-credit programme should be six semesters, or a maximum of ten. The length of a 240-credit programme should be eight semesters, or a maximum of twelve. The latter deadlines shall be based on a formal confirmation from the doctoral committee stating that it considers the doctoral thesis ready for defence. If the programme is not completed before the set deadline, a doctoral student may apply to the doctoral studies committee for an extension. Should such an extension be granted, this may be done on the condition that the doctoral student meet current requirements for doctoral study, despite having commenced the programme whilst other regulation applied.

In exceptional circumstances, students may take leave from doctoral studies for up to one year at a time. The doctoral studies committee shall process applications for such breaks and inform the Graduate School.

Doctoral students who have neither completed annual registration nor formally applied for leave from studies may apply to recommence doctoral studies. The doctoral studies committee shall take a position on such applications, having consulted the supervisor and department/faculty. Should such an application be accepted, this may be done on the condition that the doctoral student meet current requirements for doctoral study, despite having commenced the programme whilst other regulation applied.

Article 7

Organisation of study and student progression.

Doctoral theses at School of Humanities faculties shall be assessed for 180 credits. A student enrolled in a 240-credit doctoral programme must furthermore complete 60 credits of general study before commencing, or alongside, work on the thesis, in accordance with a written study plan. This component may involve, e.g., courses, including reading courses and individual projects, at the University of Iceland or other universities, the composition of academic articles and lectures, university teaching, etc. Generally, all courses should be complete within two years of commencing the programme. Further provisions on this may be found in the specific faculty rules below.

At the beginning of the programme, the doctoral student and supervisor shall produce a written study plan, not more than 3 pages long, stipulating the parties' mutual rights and responsibilities. The doctoral studies committee shall confirm the study plan on behalf of the School of Humanities, and the Graduate School on behalf of the University of Iceland. Any considerable changes to the study plan later in the programme are subject to the approval of the aforementioned parties.

The doctoral student must also submit a research plan in the early stages of the programme. Students in a 180-credit doctoral programme shall submit their research plans before the end of the first semester, whilst students in a 240-credit programme shall submit theirs no later than by the end of the second semester. The research plan shall be a 4,000-6,000 word description of the proposed doctoral thesis. The plan must outline the subject area, those questions which will be raised, and the research methodology. The thesis structure must be explained in detail. A draft bibliography shall accompany this description. Doctoral students must orally defend their research plans before the doctoral committee, generally within two weeks of submitting it. Following this defence, the research plan shall

be sent to the doctoral studies committee for final approval. Any significant changes to the research plan later in the programme are subject to the approval of the doctoral studies committee and must be based on explanations and reasoning approved by the doctoral committee.

Doctoral students must submit annual progress reports to the School of Humanities Office, approved by the supervisor. The School of Humanities Office must deliver a copy to the Graduate School.

Documents concerning the doctoral programme are kept on file by the School of Humanities Office.

Faculties may establish further regulations concerning student progression and monitoring of such.

Article 8

Relationship between Master's and doctoral study.

A Master's thesis may not form the basis of a doctoral thesis, although students may continue in the same or a related research field.

Article 9

Supervisor and tutor.

Each doctoral student must, from the outset of the programme, have a supervisor who shall generally be a member of academic staff at the University of Iceland faculty in question. The supervisor is also the student's tutor. Supervisors must have completed a doctorate or equivalent, be recognised and active specialists in the field concerned and have published works in this field in an outlet which makes rigorous academic demands.

Students may have a supervisor from outside the faculty but in this case they must also, from the beginning of the programme, have a tutor who is a member of academic staff at the faculty. Tutors for doctoral students must have completed a doctorate or equivalent. In such cases, the tutor shall monitor the work and progress of the doctoral student, with a view to ensuring the student has the same status as other doctoral students in the faculty and also that studies and supervision comply with this Regulation and *Criteria and requirements for the quality of doctoral studies at the University of Iceland*.

The role of the supervisor is to guide the student in the doctoral project and monitor its progression, as well as provide advice on the professional and academic context of the research and project. Doctoral students may consult their supervisors and tutors on the creation of the research plan, the organisation of the programme, choice of courses (if applicable), or anything else connected to their studies. The supervisor shall also assist the doctoral student with applications for research grants and facilities, e.g. with regards to research stays abroad. If the doctoral programme includes a 60-credit general studies component, the supervisor (and the tutor if applicable) shall advise the doctoral student on these studies. In certain cases the supervisor shall also advise the student on individual projects. It is important that the partnership between the doctoral student and the supervisor is characterised at once by trust and critical discussion of the doctoral student's subject area. Besides the supervisor and others in the doctoral committee, cf. Article 10, the doctoral student may receive guidance from other parties, having consulted with the supervisor and the tutor.

If the partnership between the supervisor and doctoral student does not work out as it should, one or the other or both may ask the doctoral studies committee that a new

supervisor be appointed in accordance with a faculty recommendation. Such an application shall primarily be evaluated on the basis of the reasoning behind it, with the possibility of finding another suitable supervisor also taken into consideration.

Should the main supervisor discontinue supervision of the doctoral student due to unavoidable circumstances, the faculty shall endeavour to assign a new supervisor.

Article 10

Doctoral committees.

The doctoral studies committee shall appoint the doctoral committee, having consulted with the supervisor no later than by the end of the first semester. A doctoral committee shall be comprised of two to three specialists, as well as the supervisor, at least one of whom shall not be a permanent staff member at the faculty in question. The supervisor chairs the committee. If the tutor is not the same person as the supervisor, cf. Article 9, the tutor shall also be a member of the doctoral committee. The supervisor shall closely monitor the doctoral student's work and provide guidance until he or she considers that the thesis is ready to be defended. Other committee members shall evaluate the student's progression, make suggestions on drafts of the doctoral thesis and/or individual chapters, and provide guidance as necessary. The doctoral committee and the doctoral student shall meet as necessary over the course of the programme. Around the midpoint of the programme the committee shall verify the doctoral student's academic knowledge, foundation and research methods.

When the doctoral committee considers the thesis ready for defence it shall deliver a reasoned verdict, approved by all committee members, to the faculty stating that the doctoral student may submit the thesis for defence. If the doctoral committee is not unanimous on this point, the majority shall rule and the chair shall have the deciding vote. After the doctoral committee considers the thesis ready for defence, the doctoral studies committee (on behalf of the faculty) shall ensure that the doctoral candidate's academic record and the formatting of the thesis are satisfactory, appoint opponents and follow up on their demands for improvements to the thesis.

Article 11

Submission, presentation and format of doctoral theses.

A doctoral student shall present the research project and results in a thesis, which shall generally be between 75,000 and 100,000 words in length. The postgraduate study committee may, however, grant exemptions from these word limits in exceptional circumstances. Doctoral theses must comply with requirements concerning academic methodology and comprise an independent contribution to the creation of knowledge in the field.

A doctoral thesis at the School of Humanities may be a single, integral body of work or a collection of articles. In the case that the thesis is a collection of articles, they must have been published or confirmed as accepted for publication in a recognised peer-reviewed outlet. They must focus on the same field of research and form a coherent whole. The student must compose a special overview or introductory chapter discussing the methodology and theoretical basis for the thesis as a whole, summarising the main content of the individual articles, presenting overall conclusions or linking their content using other academic methods. The articles, generally totalling 3-5, shall be presented essentially unchanged from the published/accepted versions.

When the doctoral committee considers the thesis to be ready for defence and the doctoral studies committee has ensured that the doctoral candidate's academic record and the formatting of the thesis are satisfactory, cf. Article 10, the doctoral student shall prepare a proofread manuscript (the complete final version of the thesis) and submit three physical copies as well as an electronic copy to the faculty. The formatting and handling of sources must comply with recognised rules for academic writing. The logo of the University of Iceland must appear on the front page of the thesis. In the case of joint doctorates awarded with another university or universities in accordance with an agreement thereon, the logos of both or all universities involved must appear on the front page of the thesis. The Centre for Research in the Humanities may establish further provisions regarding the appearance of theses in their rules of procedure.

It must be clearly indicated that the project was completed at the University of Iceland. The names of the supervisor and others in the doctoral committee, the school and research institute must be included. Mention must be made of any University funds or other parties that sponsored the project, as well as those institutes or companies outside of the University with which the doctoral student has had relations concerning work on the project. Generally, the thesis must be written in Icelandic or English, with a short summary in both languages. The student must also compose a more detailed abstract in Icelandic if the thesis is written in another language, or in English if the thesis is written in Icelandic. If the thesis is written in a language other than Icelandic or English, the student must also include a summary in that language. The defence will generally be conducted in the same language as the thesis is written in.

When the opponents have agreed that the thesis is fit for defence and the faculty in question then determined that the doctoral defence will take place, the doctoral candidate shall have the final version of thesis printed and deliver a minimum of 20 copies to the University of Iceland. Regarding the formatting and number of copies, refer to the School of Humanities guidelines. The Centre for Research in the Humanities and the doctoral candidate shall both contribute to the cost of printing the final version of the thesis in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure. After the title of Doctor has been conferred, the thesis shall be saved in digital form in the Skemman database, cf. Article 13.

Article 12

Opponents.

If the doctoral studies committee sees no reason why the thesis should not be submitted for doctoral defence, it shall appoint two opponents for an oral defence of the thesis, in accordance with nominations from the faculty and having received a statement from the Graduate School. Opponents must be internationally recognised specialists in the subject of the doctoral thesis. Only those who have completed a doctorate or equivalent may be opponents in a doctoral defence at the faculties of the School of Humanities. When possible, one opponent shall be a specialist or member of teaching staff at another university or research institute. Opponents shall receive letters of appointment from the chair of the doctoral studies committee containing information on doctoral studies at the University of Iceland and guidelines for assessing the thesis and defence, no later than they receive a copy of the thesis for evaluation.

Opponents for the doctoral thesis must not have been members of the doctoral committee. The doctoral student and members of the doctoral committee must not directly contact the opponents regarding the doctoral thesis.

Article 13

Assessment and doctoral defences.

No more than two months after the opponents receive the thesis, they shall have sent a reasoned statement on whether they consider the thesis 1) fit for defence, 2) fit for defence subject to certain changes or 3) not fit for defence. If the opponents cannot come to an agreement on whether the thesis is fit for defence the doctoral studies committee may, in consultation with the department/faculty and the Graduate School, appoint new opponents.

If the opponents believe certain changes to the thesis to be necessary before it may be considered fit for defence, the doctoral candidate shall have the opportunity to respond to the criticism, amend the thesis and send the doctoral studies committee a new version. The committee shall send this version to the opponents. The new version must be accompanied by a statement on changes made in response to the opponents' comments. This must generally be done within six weeks of the opponents' initial response. The opponents must confirm for the doctoral studies committee that they consider the student's response to their criticism satisfactory before the doctoral defence can take place. The opponents should confirm this within two weeks of receiving the revised thesis.

Candidates not accepting the conclusions of the opponents may refer the case to the faculty, cf. Article 50 of the Regulation for the University of Iceland no. 569/2009.

The final version of the thesis must be sent to the opponents no later than two weeks before the defence takes place. It must also be available in the School of Humanities Office up until the defence. The student is not authorised to make any substantial changes to the thesis after it has been deemed fit for defence. Provisions for the formatting and printing of the thesis can be found in Article 11.

The doctoral candidate shall publicly defend the thesis on a date determined by the relevant head of faculty, generally no later than two months after the opponents have deemed it fit for defence. The thesis shall be assessed and defended in accordance with the regulations of the University of Iceland on doctoral studies. The head of faculty shall chair the defence. Further provisions for the implementation of doctoral defences may be found in the University Council rules of procedure. Following the oral defence, the head of faculty, together with the opponents, shall decide whether the title of Doctor shall be awarded. If there is disagreement thereupon, the matter shall be referred to the faculty meeting. Student representatives at the faculty meeting do not have the right to vote on matters concerning the awarding of the title of Doctor. If the opponents and head of faculty decide to confer the title of Doctor, the thesis shall be saved in the Skemman database following the defence. Access to the thesis may, however, be temporarily closed due to research interests or plans for publication.

Grades are not awarded for doctoral degrees.

Article 14

Connections with other universities and other University of Iceland schools.

Doctoral students may take part of a doctoral programme at University of Iceland faculties or schools other than where they are registered, other universities or recognised research or scientific institutes. A doctoral degree may also be jointly awarded with another University of Iceland faculty or school or another university. In such circumstances, consideration may be given to arranging the doctoral defence in accordance with the customs of both parties, as agreed on a case by case basis. The secretary of the doctoral studies

committee shall manage communication with collaborating universities in consultation with the Graduate School.

Article 15

Academic title.

A doctorate from a faculty within the School of Humanities, awarded on completion of a doctoral programme in accordance with this Regulation, confers the academic title of *Philosophiae Doctor* (Ph.D.). However, persons completing a doctoral degree in theology may choose between the academic titles *Philosophiae Doctor* (Ph.D.) and *Doctor Theologiae* (Dr. Theol.). The degree certificate shall indicate in which subject the doctorate is in.

CHAPTER II

Doctoral degrees without a prior programme of organised study.

Article 16

Doctoral degrees without a prior programme of organised study.

A doctoral degree without a prior programme of organised study involves the composition of a thesis or collection of theses and an oral defence, cf. Article 70 of the Regulation for the University of Iceland no. 569/2009. The doctoral candidate must have completed a Master's degree or equivalent qualification in the subject of the doctoral thesis, or a related subject. The doctoral thesis must comply with requirements concerning academic methodology and comprise an original contribution by the doctoral candidate to the academic discipline in question. A candidate may submit a collection of peer-reviewed articles which have been published or approved for publication, unless this is forbidden by the specific faculty rules. The articles must focus on the same main field of research and form a coherent whole. A special overview shall be compiled, summarising the material of the individual theses and drawing overall conclusions. For further details, see paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 11 on the presentation and formatting of doctoral theses.

An application to undergo a doctoral examination must be addressed to the faculty concerned. The application must be accompanied by four copies of the thesis submitted. The application must furthermore be accompanied by references from three parties regarding the significance that the thesis may have for the academic community and research in the relevant field. All referees shall be recognised experts in the academic field.

Should the thesis concern a branch of the humanities not studied at the University of Iceland, a faculty may refuse to assess the applicant's thesis on these grounds.

Should it prove impossible to find qualified members for an evaluation committee to assess a thesis, a faculty may request that the work be submitted in an Icelandic translation or in another language accepted by the faculty.

The head of faculty shall request statements from the relevant department/faculty on the thesis and accompanying references, and then submit a proposal to the doctoral studies committee on whether to accept the application. The committee shall determine whether the application meets quality requirements, e.g. with regard to the criteria that apply to doctoral study. Particular care shall be taken to ensure that the doctoral thesis includes a comprehensive discussion of the status of knowledge in the academic field in question. The committee may gather additional references, if needed, in order to evaluate the application,

based on the criteria mentioned above. If improvements are needed the committee shall inform the applicant of this. Otherwise, having received nominations from the faculty, it shall appoint a three-person evaluation committee to assess the academic value of the written works accompanying the application. Only persons who have completed a doctorate or equivalent university degree may be appointed to serve on an evaluation committee, unless compliance with this condition is impracticable. Ideally, one or more members of the evaluation committee shall be external to the University, since opponents are generally evaluation committee members. The evaluation committee shall deliver a reasoned verdict to the doctoral studies committee in writing. The unanimous verdict of the evaluation committee, or of a majority of its members, must be unambiguous as to whether the thesis meets the requirements for a doctoral thesis. If the evaluation committee is not unanimous, the minority may explain its position in a separate verdict. If the evaluation committee is unanimous, it shall submit a single verdict.

If the majority of members of an evaluation committee agree that a work submitted by an applicant does not meet the requirements demanded of a doctoral thesis, the applicant shall not be permitted to undergo a doctoral examination. If the majority of the evaluation committee finds the thesis satisfactory, the doctoral studies committee, in consultation with the relevant faculty, shall determine whether the applicant should be given the opportunity to undergo a doctoral examination.

If the doctoral studies committee deems the thesis acceptable for defence it shall then appoint two opponents for the oral defence of the thesis, in accordance with faculty recommendations and having received the opinion of the Graduate School. Opponents shall generally have been members of the evaluation committee. Article 13 of this Regulation shall apply to assessment and the doctoral defence.

Article 15 shall apply concerning academic titles.

CHAPTER III

Faculty of Foreign Languages, Literature and Linguistics.

Article 17

Programmes and languages.

The Faculty of Foreign Languages, Literature and Linguistics offers doctoral programmes in second language studies, Danish, English, French studies, Spanish and German. The doctoral thesis shall be written in the appropriate language.

Article 18

Number of credits.

A doctorate from the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Literature and Linguistics shall be based on a doctoral thesis worth 180 credits.

CHAPTER IV

Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies.

Article 19

Programmes.

The Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies offers a doctoral programme in theology.

Article 20

Number of credits.

A doctorate from the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies shall be based on a doctoral thesis worth 180 credits.

Article 21

Languages.

A doctoral thesis at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies shall generally be written in Icelandic or English. It may, however, be possible to write theses in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish and use these languages for the doctoral defence.

Article 22

Additional requirements for mag. theol. students.

Applicants for doctoral studies at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies who have completed a mag. theol. degree at the Faculty must complete an MA programme at the Faculty. The programme shall comprise methodology courses at the Master's level (F-courses) in the School of Social Sciences and/or School of Humanities, totalling at least 20 credits, and a 30-credit research thesis. The research thesis may cover material related to the proposed doctoral thesis, cf. further rules for organisation of study in Master's and doctoral programmes at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies. Up to 60 credits from a mag. theol. or cand. theol. degree may be counted towards an MA in Theology.

CHAPTER V

Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies.

Article 23

Programmes.

The Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies offers doctoral programmes in comparative literature, Icelandic grammar, Icelandic literature, cultural studies and translation studies.

Article 24

Number of credits.

A doctorate at the Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies is based on a 240-credit programme. This is divided into a 60-credit general component and a 180-credit doctoral thesis. The general component of the doctoral programme, alongside general training, is composed of formal courses, individual projects, lectures, academic articles and university teaching, as determined in further detail by the faculty.

The doctoral student's experience or preparation in the aforementioned academic fields before formally commencing doctoral studies may be taken into consideration. Courses that were part of the doctoral student's MA programme or courses the student may be obliged to

take to meet preparation requirements, cf. Article 4, may not count as part of the general component of the doctoral programme.

The doctoral committee shall assess whether a doctoral student has completed the general component of the doctoral programme and submit its assessment to the doctoral studies committee for approval. Ideally, doctoral students shall complete any formal courses that they plan to take as part of their general studies as soon as possible and no later than by the end of the fourth semester, since they are intended to serve as preparation for writing the doctoral thesis. The doctoral student's supervisor shall ensure that the general component of the doctoral programme is not overly prolonged.

Article 25

Languages.

Doctoral theses at the Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies shall generally be written in Icelandic or English, although students may apply for permission to write the thesis in another language, particularly in the case of a joint doctorate with a foreign university.

CHAPTER VI

Faculty of History and Philosophy.

Article 26

Programmes.

The Faculty of History and Philosophy offers doctoral programmes in archaeology, philosophy, history and applied ethics.

Article 27

Number of credits.

A doctorate from the Faculty of History and Philosophy shall be based on a doctoral thesis worth 180 credits.

Article 28

Languages.

Doctoral theses at the Faculty of History and Philosophy shall generally be written in Icelandic or English, although students may apply for permission to write the thesis in another language, particularly in the case of a joint doctorate with a foreign university.

CHAPTER VII

Entry into force etc.

Article 29

Entry into force.

This Regulation is established by the University Council in accordance with the authority of paragraph 3, Article 18 of the Act on Public Higher Education Institutions no. 85/2008. This Regulation has been approved by the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Literature

and Linguistics, the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, the Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies, the Faculty of History and Philosophy, the governing board of the School of Humanities and the Graduate School, cf. Articles 66 and 69 of the Regulation for the University of Iceland no. 569/2009. This Regulation enters into force immediately. At the same time Chapter III of Regulation no. 154/2011 on Master's and doctoral studies at the University of Iceland School of Humanities is repealed. Provisions concerned Master's studies in Regulation no. 154/2011 shall remain in effect until new regulation on Master's studies has been established.

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