

Regulations Doctoral School Architecture

General

The current version of the „Curriculum for the Doctoral Program in Engineering Sciences“ of Graz University of Technology applies. Only the German version of these regulations is legally binding.

1. Aim

The aim of the doctoral program at the Faculty of Architecture at Graz University of Technology is to equip students with the knowledge and ability to carry out advanced independent research work in the field of architecture.

2. Academic title

Students who successfully complete the doctoral program are awarded the academic title of “Doctor of Engineering Sciences (Dr. techn.)”.

3. Institutes of the Doctoral School

All Institutes of the faculty of Architecture at Graz University of Technology.

4. Coordinating Team of the Doctoral School

The coordinating Team consists of a delegate and a deputy from each of the three curiae.

5. Dissertation

The rules regarding the completion, supervision and grading of doctoral dissertations are outlined in §5 of the Curriculum for the Doctoral Program in Engineering Sciences. With regard to § 5.6, it should be noted that publications are only valid if they meet a high standard of advanced independent research work in the field of architecture.

6. Curricular Workload of the Doctoral Program

The curricular workload amounts to 14 semester course hours. These are subdivided as follows:

6.1 Specialized basic modules (6 - 8 SWS)

These are to be chosen primarily from the following module catalogue:

- VO Architectural Research (Doctoral School) (2 SWS)
- SE Architectural Research and Cultural Studies (2 SWS)
- SE Buildings and Energy (2 SWS)
- SE Buildings and Function (2 SWS)

Modules from the current Master Program of the Faculty of Architecture at Graz University of Technology can also be chosen, if these modules did not form a part of the program followed by the student during a preceding Master Program.

An application can be made to the Dean of Studies to take part in courses from other faculties or universities (in agreement with the supervisor).

6.2 Scientific Methods and Communication (6 - 8 SWS)

The following modules are compulsory:

- VO Theories of Science OR SE How to write a thesis (2 SWS)
- SE Seminar for PhD Students (2 SWS)
- Tutorial for postgraduate students (2 SWS)

The following “Soft Skills“ module is recommended:

- SE Presentation of academic papers (2 SWS)

7. Time plan of the Doctoral Program

- 7.1 Letter confirming academic supervision
- 7.2 Admission to the program by the Rector
- 7.3 Assignment to Doctoral School
- 7.4 Educational agreement
- 7.5 Short description of the doctoral thesis project is made public
- 7.6 Annual reports and statements made public within the Doctoral School
- 7.7 Letter from the doctoral student to the Dean of Studies announcing intended submission date of the doctoral thesis and any wishes regarding the second referee (this is to occur at least 4 months before the submission of the dissertation)
- 7.8 Proposal for the second referee from the supervisor (if applicable)
- 7.9 The necessity of appointing a third referee is determined by the Dean of Studies
- 7.10 Pre-selection of the referees by the Coordinating Team of the Doctoral School in consultation with the Dean of Studies. All members of the Doctoral School with authorization to teach are informed by the Coordinating Team and they are entitled to submit a statement on the choice to the Coordinating Team.
- 7.11 Preliminary version of the dissertation is sent to the referees (at least 2 months before the submission date of the final dissertation)
- 7.12 Proof of the completed courses
- 7.13 Proof of the annual reports
- 7.14 Submission of the dissertation
- 7.15 Appointment of the referees by the Dean of Studies
- 7.16 Final assessment of the dissertation by the referees (referee reports to be received at least 3 weeks before the date of the oral defense)
- 7.17 Doctoral candidate can submit a proposal for the members of the examination board
- 7.18 Coordinating Team submits a proposal to the Dean of Studies for the members of the examination board. All members of the Doctoral School with authorization to teach are informed by the Coordinating Team and are entitled to submit a statement on the choice of the examiners to the Coordinating Team.
- 7.19 Appointment of the examination board by the Dean of Studies
- 7.20 Oral defense of the doctoral thesis