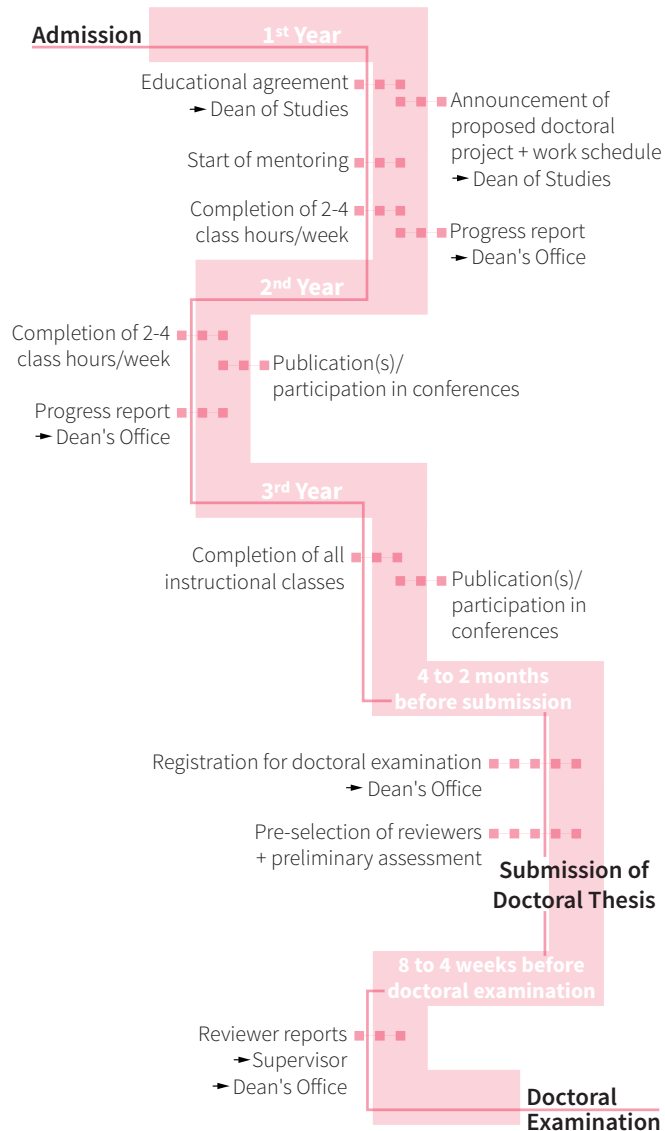


■ Period of Study

The programme usually takes six semesters (3 years) to complete. In this time, you need to write your doctoral thesis and complete all required instructional classes from the subject catalogue. The Dean of Studies responsible can grant permission for a shorter period of study.



■ Links

- **Forms and further information** (e.g. "Curriculum for the Doctoral Programme in Technical Sciences" and "Regulations Doctoral School Architecture") can be downloaded from <https://www.tugraz.at/en/fakultaeten/architecture/study/doctoral-school/>
- You can find a **list of the supervisors/mentors** for the field of architecture at <https://www.tugraz.at/en/fakultaeten/architecture/study/doctoral-school/>
- The **PhD Union** is a broad platform that provides additional support and encourages interdisciplinary cooperation, see: <https://doktorat.htu.tugraz.at/phd-union/>
- Young scientists and researchers and their supervisors from the field of architecture are presented by the Doctoral School of the Faculty of Architecture at Graz University of Technology and the Haus der Architektur (HDA) on **PhD Day**: <https://www.tugraz.at/en/fakultaeten/architecture/news/annual-events/young-architectural-research-graz/>

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You can find further information on the Faculty of Architecture's Doctoral School homepage:
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Guide to the Doctoral Programme at Graz University of Technology's Doctoral School of Architecture



This guide is aimed at PhD researchers at the Doctoral School for Architecture at Graz University of Technology.

■ Admission

If you want to start a PhD in the field of architecture, you need to hold a relevant technical or natural sciences master's degree (or equivalent) from a university or another recognised post-secondary educational institution.

For admission you need to have a topic for your doctoral thesis and a supervisor who has provided you with a supervision confirmation. Admission to the doctoral programme takes place at the **Registrar's Office** (Rechbauerstrasse 12/1st floor | studienervice@tugraz.at | Tel.: +43 (316) 873 6149).

☑ Check list: Admission at Registrar's Office

- Supervision confirmation
- Master's degree certificate (or equivalent)
- Official identity document with photograph

■ Supervision and Mentoring

After being admitted to the doctoral programme, you conclude an educational agreement with your supervisor. After your supervisor has assumed their role, the forms must be submitted electronically via TUGRAZonline. In addition to your supervisor you can also consult a mentor during the doctoral programme for advice and support.

☑ Check list: Educational Agreement

- Title of thesis and short description (abstract)
- Approval of proposed doctoral project by supervisor and Dean of Studies
- Filled out appendix to educational agreement
- Work schedule

■ Subject Catalogue | Instructional Classes

During the doctoral programme you need to complete instructional classes in the amount of 14 semester hours.

■ "Scientific Methods and Communication" (6 sem. hrs. mandatory + 2 recommended)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Course title</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Note</u>
143.405	Seminar for PhD Students (SE)	2	mandatory
143.406	Theories of Science (VO)		
	OR	2	mandatory (is provided alternately)
143.416	Methods of Research in Architecture (SE)		
	Tutorial for Postgraduate Students (PV)	2	mandatory
143.415	How to Write A Thesis (SE)	2	recommended

■ "Subject-Specific Basic Courses" (6-8 sem. hrs. recommended)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Course title</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Note</u>
143.403	Architectural Research (Ring-VO)	2	recommended
143.402	Architectural Research and Cultural Studies (SE)	2	recommended
159.401	Buildings and Energy (SE)	2	recommended
147.401	Buildings and Function (SE)	2	recommended
145.412	Collaborative Modelling (SE)	3	recommended

■ *Instructional classes from the master's curriculum for architecture* can be chosen instead of the recommended subject-specific basic courses.

■ Up to 2 semester hours' worth of *soft-skill courses* (presentation skills, rhetoric, etc.) can be selected from catalogues from different degree programmes.

The language of instruction in all classes is English. Please decide which courses you will take at the beginning of your degree and enter your selection into the form "**Instructional Classes**". Hand this form in at the Dean's Office.

■ Doctoral Thesis

You are required to write a doctoral thesis as part of the doctoral programme. It proves your ability to master new scientific problems independently. The thesis is to be bound and designed in compliance with the directives of Graz University of Technology and should have a formal structure.

You can find more detailed information on writing your doctoral thesis in the **mandatory citation guidelines provided by Graz University of Technology**. If writing your doctoral thesis in English it is recommended to follow the **Chicago Manual of Style**.

☑ Check list: Submission of Doctoral Thesis

- Grades from completed instructional classes need to be entered in TUGRAZonline
- Pre-selection of reviewers
- 4 hardcover copies are submitted to the Dean's Office. Each reviewer is also provided with a copy

■ Assessment and Doctoral Examination (Defensio)

Both the doctoral candidate and supervisor can suggest reviewers. Please bear in mind that it is not permitted for all selected reviewers to work at the same institute.

The doctoral examination is the final exam in the doctoral programme. The candidate starts by giving a presentation on his or her PhD thesis lasting around 30 minutes. Afterwards, the candidate responds to questions from the thesis committee and "defends" his/her thesis against any point of criticism (ca. 20 min. per examiner). You can register for the doctoral examination at the Dean's Office.

☑ Check list: Registration for Doctoral Examination

- Submission date of doctoral thesis
- Copies of your scientific publications
- Entering of thesis (incl. abstract) in TUGRAZonline