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Special Provisions of the Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies at the University of Kassel related to the General Provisions for Doctoral Degrees at the University of Kassel (AB-PromO) dated 14 July 2021

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§ 1 Scope of application

According to Section 24 of the AB-PromO, the Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies at the University of Kassel is issuing the following Special Provisions to complement the General Provisions for Doctoral Degrees at the University of Kassel (AB-PromO), both in their latest version.

§ 2 Doctoral degrees, doctoral degree subjects

The Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies awards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Dr. phil.) in the academic subjects of English studies, American studies, German as a foreign and second language, Lutheran theology, German studies, Catholic theology, philosophy, Romance studies and media culture studies according to Section 1 Para. 2 of the AB-PromO, following the completion of a proper doctoral procedure.

§ 3 Doctoral examination committee

According to Section 2 Para. 1 of the AB-PromO, the Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies must form a doctoral examination committee for the doctoral degrees that it awards.

§ 4 Acceptance requirements

- 1) According to Section 3 Para. 1 of the AB-PromO, the crucial precondition for acceptance as a doctoral candidate is the completion of a relevant academic degree in the subjects of English studies, American studies, German as a foreign and second language, Lutheran theology, German studies, Catholic theology, philosophy, Romance studies and media culture studies or other relevant subjects. In any cases of doubt, the doctoral examination committee must check on the basis of a written statement from the supervisor whether the subjects in question may apply as relevant subjects for the main academic degree, which is designed to create the conditions for the doctoral degree in the relevant doctoral degree subject.
- 2) Candidates with a degree in line with Section 3 Para. 2 of the AB-PromO are accepted as doctoral candidates after successfully passing an assessment of eligibility. If an assessment of eligibility (max. 60 CPs) is used for aspiring doctoral candidates who do not have an academic degree that qualifies for a doctoral degree, the work needing to be completed must normally be performed in the form of examination work in line with the module and/or subject examination regulations of the master's degree and/or L3 courses that are relevant for the doctoral degree in terms of their subject matter. The relevant credits can be found in the subject/module examination regulations for the degree courses in question.
For the purposes of an assessment of eligibility, it is possible for candidates to write an academic (degree) paper similar to a bachelor's degree dissertation or within the scope of master's degree modules. If there are no degree courses and therefore no related examination regulations with the

relevant degree modules for the envisaged doctoral degree subjects, approx. 30-40 pages (12 CPs) must be set as the standard for a bachelor's degree dissertation; a master's degree dissertation of approx. 60-80 pages, an accompanying support meeting and an oral examination must be completed for master's degree modules (30 CPs). A standard page consists of 1,800 characters, including spaces.

Academic proficiency is normally regarded as having been satisfied if the examination work required has been assessed with at least the grade "good" (marks: 2.5) overall. Repeat examinations are possible as part of the relevant module and/or subject examination regulations and also as part of the assessment of eligibility procedure.

The specific nature of the examination work imposed by the doctoral examination committee should take place in close consultation with the supervisor of the doctoral degree project. Consultations with the doctoral candidate are desirable with a view to subject-specific profiling. The supervisor of the doctoral degree project must recommend in a written statement to the doctoral examination committee what kind of examination work must be completed. The doctoral examination committee must make the final decision here.

The doctoral examination committee performs the final assessment of eligibility when the graded examination work has been (digitally) presented.

- 3) Certain imposed conditions must normally be met by candidates with a degree in line with Section 3 Para. 3 (change of subject) if they are going to be accepted as a doctoral candidate. The imposed conditions (max. 30 CPs) for those changing subject must normally be met in the form of examination work in line with the module and/or specialist subject regulations of the master's degree and/or L3 courses that are relevant for the doctoral degree in terms of their subject matter. The relevant credits can be found in the subject/module examination regulations for the degree courses in question.

As regards the imposed conditions needing to be met, it is possible for candidates to write an academic (degree) dissertation similar to a bachelor's degree dissertation or in the form of master's degree modules. If there are no degree courses and therefore no related examination regulations with the relevant degree modules for the envisaged doctoral degree subjects, approx. 30-40 pages (12 CPs) must be set as the standard for a bachelor's degree dissertation, and a master's degree dissertation of approx. 60-80 pages, an accompanying support meeting and an oral examination must be completed for master's degree modules (30 CPs). A standard page consists of 1,800 characters, including spaces.

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The doctoral examination committee must finally check whether the imposed conditions have been met when the graded examination work has been (digitally) presented.

- 4) The grade "good" is set as the minimum grade in the university degree for acceptance as a doctoral candidate. The doctoral examination committee may deviate from this in well-founded exceptional cases.
- 5) Evidence of knowledge of the following foreign languages must be provided for the doctoral procedure according to Section 3 Para. 5 of the AB-PromO:

- a) At level B1 of the Common European Reference Framework
- a knowledge of another modern foreign language alongside English for English or American studies;
 - a knowledge of two foreign languages for the German studies and philosophy subjects;
 - a knowledge of another foreign language alongside French or Spanish for Romance studies.

Depending on the research field of the thesis, the doctoral examination committee may demand evidence of a qualification in Latin or a knowledge of Latin.

- b) Depending on the research field of the thesis in the subjects of Lutheran theology and Catholic theology, a knowledge of at least one of the three languages of Latin, ancient Greek, Hebrew or two modern foreign languages. The level of the language conditions

must be set by the doctoral examination committee in conjunction with the supervisor of the thesis.

German is viewed as a foreign language for candidates whose first language is not German.

§ 5 Extending the deadline

To enable a decision to be made about extending the deadline, the candidate must submit the thesis work already completed and the supervisor must always issue a statement.

§ 6 Taking effect / temporary provisions

- 1) The Special Provisions of the Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies take effect on the day following their publication in the Official Gazette of the University of Kassel.
- 2) The rules for the acceptance conditions in the Special Provisions of the Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies dated 28 August 2017, last amended on 13 March 2023, continue to be valid until 31 December 2030 for candidates who applied for acceptance as a doctoral candidate at the University of Kassel before these provisions took effect.

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