

Bei der vorliegenden Übersetzung handelt es sich um eine nichtamtliche Lesefassung der Besonderen Bestimmungen für Promotionen des Fachbereichs Gesellschaftswissenschaften der Universität Kassel zu den Allgemeinen Bestimmungen für Promotionen an der Universität Kassel (AB-PromO) vom 14. Juli 2021.

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## **Special Provisions of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Kassel related to the General Provisions for Doctoral Degrees at the University of Kassel (AB-PromO) dated 4 December 2024**

### **§ 1 Scope of application**

According to Section 24 of the General Provisions for Doctoral Degrees at the University of Kassel (AB-PromO), the Faculty of Social Sciences 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**

According to Section 1 Para. 3 of the AB-PromO, the Faculty of Social Sciences awards the following doctoral degrees following the completion of a proper doctoral procedure:

1. Doctor of Philosophy (Dr. phil.) in the doctoral degree subjects of history, sociology and sport;
2. Doctor of Economics and Social Sciences (Dr. rer. pol.) in the doctoral degree subjects of political science and sociology.

### **§ 3 Doctoral examination committee**

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

### **§ 4 Acceptance requirements**

1) The completion of a relevant academic degree course in the subjects of history, political science, sociology, sport or in related subjects is the crucial precondition for acceptance as a doctoral degree candidate. In any cases of doubt, the doctoral examination committee checks on the basis of a written statement by the supervisor whether the presented degree subjects can count as related subjects for the main degree course, which is designed to create the conditions for the doctoral degree in the relevant doctoral degree subject.

2) The grade "good" is set as the minimum grade in the university degree for acceptance as a doctoral degree candidate. The doctoral examination committee can deviate from this in well-founded exceptional cases.

3) Candidates according to Section 3 Para. 2 of the AB-PromO are not accepted until they have successfully passed an assessment of eligibility as a doctoral candidate. The assessment of eligibility takes place according to the relevant master's degree examination regulations for the sought doctoral degree subject or the examination regulations of an equivalent, subject-specific master's degree course. Graded coursework and examination work related to the doctoral degree subject must be completed, but their scope should not exceed 60 credits. Any examination work that is not passed can be repeated once. The assessment of eligibility takes place on the basis of the application documents that have been submitted. A statement (of at least one page) from the supervisor related to the academic quality and feasibility of the project is requested for the assessment of eligibility. The statement must contain information about the type and scope of the coursework and examination work needing to be

completed, if applicable. The doctoral examination committee must set and communicate the type and scope of the coursework and examination work needing to be completed.

4) Evidence of knowledge of the following foreign languages must be provided for the doctoral degree process according to Section 3 Para. 5 of the AB-PromO according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR):

- a) two foreign languages for the subject of history, at least one of them at level B2, one at level A2.
- b) a knowledge of Latin at level B2 too for ancient and medieval history (qualifying examination in Latin). If processing the topic of the doctoral degree does not require a knowledge of Latin (e.g. subjects related to the history of science and history of reception), it is possible to ignore the need to provide evidence of a knowledge of Latin. The doctoral examination committee must make a decision on the basis of a written statement submitted by the supervisor.
- c) English at level B2 and another foreign language at level A2 for the subject of political science;
- d) English at level B2 for the subject of sociology. The doctoral examination committee can make the candidate's acceptance dependent on fulfilling the condition that evidence of a knowledge of English at level B2 must be provided by the time that the main doctoral procedure is initiated.

5) Candidates according to Section 3 Para. 6 of the AB-PromO, who can provide evidence of teaching and/or research work at universities or recognised research institutes for several years or who have had special, academically relevant teaching practice, can be accepted as doctoral candidates. The teaching and research work or relevant teaching practice must be closely related to the doctoral degree subject and have taken place no later than five years before the application was made. In these kinds of cases, detailed discussions between the person interested in a doctoral degree, the supervisor and a second member of the faculty, who at least has a doctoral degree in the subject or a related subject, must take place to clarify whether and to what extent coursework must be completed according to the relevant examination regulations.

## **§ 6 A cumulative thesis**

- 1) A cumulative thesis is possible to gain the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Dr. phil.) in the academic subjects of sociology and sport.  
A cumulative thesis is possible to gain the degree of Doctor of Economics and Social Sciences (Dr. rer. pol.) in the academic subject of sociology.
- 2) The preconditions for a cumulative thesis in the subject of sociology are:  
**Obligatory criteria**
  - a) A cumulative thesis involves at least three articles that have been written in relation to a common, academic issue. The articles must have been verifiably accepted for publication at the time when the main doctoral procedure is initiated or have already been published. The place of publication must involve recognised, international, if possible, specialist journals, which arrange a review of the articles (peer review). Proven acceptance for publication is sufficient for two of the articles.
  - b) At least one of the articles must have been solely written by the candidate.
  - c) The examiners may be co-authors of the articles that have been jointly written, however, the share written by them must be revealed. At least one of the examiners may not be a co-author of any of the publications. In their written assessment of a cumulative thesis, the examiners must outline whether the shares written by the doctoral candidate are equivalent to a monographic thesis in type and scope and take into consideration this assessment when awarding their grade.
  - d) The academic cohesion of the individual articles must be summarised and adequately substantiated in an additional text with approx. 60,000 characters for a cumulative thesis. In addition to the academic cohesion of the specialist articles that have been submitted, the general issue of how the topic fits into current research discussions and the connections between the individual articles to the general issue must be made clear in this additional text. A joint bibliography must be attached as an annex to the cumulative thesis.
  - e) The share written by the candidate in the articles where there are joint authors must be visible in the paper that provides the framework for the cumulative thesis.
  - f) If one of the examiners is a co-author of one of the articles that are submitted, a further assessment must be obtained.
  - g) If articles that have been published or have been accepted for publication are included and have been written by several authors, a statement about the personal share in the published papers or those accepted for publication must be attached to the thesis (Annex 1). This must

be confirmed by the co-authors.

3) The preconditions for a cumulative thesis in the subject of sport science are:

Obligatory criteria

- a) A cumulative thesis involves at least three articles that have been written in relation to a common, academic issue. The articles must have been verifiably accepted for publication at the time when the main doctoral procedure is initiated or have already been published. The place of publication must involve recognised, international, if possible, specialist journals, which arrange a review of the articles (peer review). Proven acceptance for publication is sufficient for two of the articles.
- b) At least two of the articles must have been solely written with the candidate as lead author.
- c) The examiners may be co-authors of the articles that have been jointly written, however, the share written by them must be revealed. At least one of the examiners may not be a co-author of any of the publications. In their written assessment of a cumulative thesis, the examiners must outline whether the shares written by the doctoral candidate are equivalent to a monographic thesis in type and scope and take into consideration this assessment when awarding their grade.
- d) The academic cohesion of the individual articles must be summarised and adequately substantiated in an additional text with approx. 60,000 characters for a cumulative thesis. In addition to the academic cohesion of the specialist articles that have been submitted, the general issue of how the topic fits into current research discussions and the connections between the individual articles to the general issue must be made clear in this additional text. A joint bibliography must be attached as an annex to the cumulative thesis.
- e) The share written by the candidate in the articles where there are joint authors must be visible in the paper that provides the framework for the cumulative thesis.
- f) If one of the examiners is a co-author of one of the articles that are submitted, a further assessment must be obtained.
- g) If articles that have been published or have been accepted for publication are included and have been written by several authors, a statement about the personal share in the published papers or those accepted for publication must be attached to the thesis (Annex 1). This must be confirmed by the co-authors.

### **§ 7 Taking effect / ceasing to be valid**

- 1) The Special Provisions of the Faculty of Social Sciences take effect on the day following their publication in the Official Gazette of the University of Kassel.
- 2) The Special Provisions of the Faculty of Social Sciences dated 15 January 2015 will cease to apply as of 31 December 2031.

Kassel, xx xx 2024

*Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences*  
*Prof. Dr Anne-Charlott Trepp*

**Appendix 1:**

University of Kassel, Faculty of Social Sciences

Declaration on the cumulative dissertation in the doctoral subject .....

Declaration on my own contribution to the scientific writings published or intended for publication within my dissertation, supplement to § 5a para. 3c of the General Provisions for Doctorates at the University of Kassel of June 13, 2011

to be entered by the applicant:

1.        surname, first name  
            Subject (external institution if applicable)  
            Topic of the dissertation

2. numbered list of submitted publications (title, authors, where and when published or submitted):

- 1.
- 2.
- etc.

3. description of your own contribution to these writings:

Explanation: Explain what work you have done in these publications (own authorship in the respective text as well as e.g. own contribution to the development of the concept, literature research, method development, experimental design, data collection, data analysis, discussion of results, preparation of the manuscript, programming, presentation of evidence) and what part (e.g. completely, predominantly, majority, in parts) you had in it.

- No. 1
- No. 2
- etc.

5. addresses (e-mail or fax) of the respective co-authors:

- to no. 1
- to no. 2
- etc.

Date, signature of the applicant

The information under point 3 must be confirmed in writing by the co-authors.

I confirm the declaration made by Mr./Mrs./Mrs. under point 3:

1.

Name:

Signature:.....

2.

Name:

Signature:.....

etc.