

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

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New Version of the Special Provisions for the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences at the University of Kassel related to the General Provisions for Doctoral Degrees at the University of Kassel (AB-PromO) dated 22 January 2025

§ 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 Organic Agricultural 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. 2 of the AB-PromO, the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences awards these doctoral degrees following completion of a proper doctoral procedure:

1. Doctor of Agricultural Sciences (Dr. agr.) in the doctoral degree subjects of agricultural, nutritional and environmental sciences,
2. Doctor of Economic and Social Sciences (Dr. rer. pol.) in the doctoral degree subjects of agricultural, nutritional and environmental sciences with a major focus on economic and social sciences, if applicable, in cooperation with the Faculties of Economics, Social or Human Sciences.
3. Doctor of Sciences (Dr. rer. nat.) in the doctoral degree subjects of agricultural, nutritional and environmental sciences with a major focus on chemistry, biology or physics, if applicable, in cooperation with science faculties.

§ 3 Doctoral examination committee

According to Section 2 Para. 1 of the AB-PromO, the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences 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 degree candidate is the completion of a relevant academic degree in the subjects mentioned in para. 2 or relevant subjects in line with the disciplines represented in the faculty. In any cases of doubt, the doctoral examination committee must check on the basis of a written statement by the supervisor whether the degree subjects available can be viewed as relevant subjects for the main degree course, 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 after successfully passing an assessment of eligibility. The assessment of eligibility takes place in line with one of the examination regulations for master's degrees at the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences. Graded coursework and examination work must be completed and submitted to the doctoral examination committee at the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences. The scope should not normally exceed 60 credits. The result of the eligibility assessment procedure should normally be available after two semesters. The doctoral examination committee must set and communicate the type and scope of the coursework and examination work that is to be completed. A written statement by the supervisor is required for the assessment of eligibility, in which the academic quality and feasibility of the project as well as the suitability of the candidate to complete it are outlined. In any cases of doubt, the doctoral examination committee must appoint two professors in the subject to hold oral discussions (with the candidate) lasting no more than 45 minutes. The doctoral examination committee must decide whether a doubtful case exists.
- 3) It is possible to forego an assessment of eligibility according to Section 3 Para. 6 of the AB-PromO if candidates can provide evidence of having completed some teaching or research work at universities or recognised research institutes lasting at least three years or have special academically relevant teaching practice. The teaching or research work or relevant teaching practice must be related to the doctoral degree subject and should not be more than five years ago. A statement from a specialist scientist, who is not the supervisor of the thesis, should be submitted with the application according to Section 9 Para. 2 of the AB-PromO, and it should confirm that the work provides evidence of the (candidate's) ability to complete independent academic work. In addition, specialist discussions with the candidate, supervisor and chairperson of the doctoral examination committee should clarify whether and to what extent work must be completed according to the relevant examination regulations.
- 4) In the case of candidates with a degree in line with Section 3 Para. 3 (change of course), the doctoral examination committee can link acceptance as a doctoral degree candidate to imposed conditions accounting for no more than 30 credits, which must normally be completed within two years, at the latest by the time an application is made for admission to the main doctoral procedure according to Section 8. The doctoral examination committee must make a decision on the basis of a statement made by the supervisor in text form, which outlines to what extent the candidate has the adequate specialist qualifications for the planned doctoral project. In any cases of doubt, the doctoral examination committee must commission two professors in the subject area to hold oral discussions (with the candidate) lasting no longer than 45 minutes. The doctoral examination committee must decide whether a doubtful case exists.
- 5) 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 justified exceptional cases.

§ 5 A cumulative thesis

- 1) A cumulative thesis is possible to enable candidates to obtain the degrees of Doctor of Agricultural Sciences (Dr. agr.), Doctor of Economic and Social Sciences (Dr. rer. pol.) or Doctor of Sciences (Dr. rer. nat.) in the scientific subjects of agricultural, nutritional and environmental sciences.
- 2) A cumulative thesis must meet the following requirements:
 - 1 It must consist of at least 3 articles in peer-reviewed journals listed in the "Web of Science" or "Scopus", in which the doctoral candidate is the first author.
 - 2 Of the three articles, at least one of them must have been accepted for publication, another one must at least be in a state of revision and a third article must at least have been submitted. These articles must be related from a subject/content point of view and be part of the subject covered by the doctoral degree. They must also be embedded in a general overview (e.g. summary of the research topic, introduction to the issue, summarising discussions, outlook for further research development) and have a cohesive bibliography.
 - 3 No more than one examiner may be a co-author of these articles.

- 4 If the candidate submits publications together with other persons, a written statement about their personal share must be attached in line with Annex 1.

§ 6 Monograph

- 1) If parts of the thesis have been published in advance or have been submitted for publication, the doctoral candidate must be the first author of the advance publication or the publications.
- 2) If parts of the thesis have been published in advance or submitted for publication, no more than one co-author of these articles may be an examiner.
- 3) If the candidate has written the articles published in advance or submitted for publication together with other persons, a written statement about their personal share as shown in Annex 1 must be attached.

§ 7 Studies supporting the doctoral degree

- 1) Doctoral candidates in the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences can attend a course to support their studies according to Section 20 of the AB-PromO for research-oriented further training in the relevant doctoral degree subject amounting to between 15 and 30 credits.
- 2) The content of the studies promoting the doctoral degree must be set with the responsible supervisor.

§ 8 Taking effect

The Special Provisions of the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences take effect on the day after their publication in the Official Gazette of the University of Kassel.

- 1) The Special Provisions of the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences dated 14 April 2019 cease to be valid after 31 December 2031.

Witzenhausen, 22.01.2025

Dean of the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences
Prof. Dr Maria Renate Finckh

Annex 1

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Statement about my own contribution to the academic papers intended for publication or already published within or in connection with my doctoral thesis in accordance with Sections 5 and 6 of the Special Provisions of the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences related to the General Provisions for Doctoral Degrees at the University of Kassel (AB-PromO) dated 14 July 2021

To be completed by the candidate:

1. Surname, first name

Specialist field (external institution, if applicable)

Subject of the thesis

2. Numbered list of submitted papers (titles, authors, where and when published or submitted):

1.

2.

etc.

3. Disclosure of your own contribution to these papers:

Explanation: State which work you performed in these writings (personal authorship in the relevant text and e.g. your personal share in developing the concept, literature research, method development, design of experiments, data collection, data analysis, results of discussions, preparing the manuscript) and to what degree (e.g. completely, predominantly, for the most part, in part) you were involved in this.

Re. no 1

Re. no 2

etc.

4. Addresses (e-mail) of the respective co-authors:

Re. no 1

Re. no 2

etc.

Date, signature of the applicant

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

I confirm the declaration made by Mr/Ms..... in point 3:

1.

Name: _____ signature:.....

2.

Name: _____ signature:.....

etc.”