

Sixth meeting of the doctoral committee

Doctoral Center Social, Health and Economic Sciences

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Regulation

“Seminars and events accompanying the doctorate“

The doctoral committee decides:

Doctoral students are obliged to prove that they have actively participated in at least two seminars and events accompanying the doctorate when they apply to the doctoral committee to initiate the doctoral procedure.

This means that doctoral candidates must participate in either two seminars, two events, or one seminar and one event during their doctoral studies.

The seminars and events must be completed after acceptance as a doctoral student at the Doctoral Center and before submitting the dissertation.

Seminars (regular scientific event of a university of applied sciences, university or scientific research institution) must meet the following criteria for recognition:

- Seminars accompanying the doctorate comprise at least one semester hour per week (SWS, i.e. 15 appointments of 45 min. - in case of 2 SWS 90 min. - the time allocation can also be made as a block seminar). The active participation of doctoral students is required (e.g. poster, lecture, moderation).
- The conducting lecturers must hold a doctoral degree.
- Regularly held scientific colloquia also count as seminars (scope see above).
- Seminars or colloquia conducted by or in cooperation with universities or with scientific research institutions are recognized.

Supervising professors from the PromZ SGW are encouraged to conduct their own doctoral seminars and/or colloquia in the medium and long term, also together with other supervising professors.

Events (one-time, scientific event of a university of applied sciences, university, scientific research institution or expert association) must meet the following criteria for recognition:

- It is an academic event hosted by a university of applied sciences, university, research institution or expert association. This includes one-time scientific meetings or congresses, conferences and colloquia (e.g. also the annual research colloquium of the PromZ SGW, where scientific lectures are held and posters are presented).
- The conducting lecturers must hold a doctoral degree.
- Within the framework of this academic event, an own, active contribution must be made, e.g. a conference talk, a poster presentation or the assumption of the chair role.

Training events that serve the further development of Soft Skills, personal skills and competencies, etc. are not recognized.

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Certificates of attendance should exist for all seminars and events, which ideally contain information on the above-mentioned recognition criteria. If not all recognition criteria are included, doctoral candidates must document the fulfillment of these criteria in another way.

The doctoral committee decides on exceptions. For first doctoral students, exceptions are possible so that seminars and courses can be recognized up to two semesters before admission.

Reason for the decision:

According to the doctoral degree regulations §7, par. 3, "doctoral candidates [...] are required to [...] 4. participate in at least two seminars and events accompanying the doctorate". The text has been interpreted to allow doctoral candidates to choose whether it is two seminars, two events, or one of each format. Considering that, the formats (seminar, event) themselves must meet more stringent criteria to better ensure learning quality.